# Rush Medical College
## Class of 2011

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# rush history

1837

Rush Medical Colllege was founded by Dr. Daniel Brainard, just two days before the city of Chicago was incorporated. Rush Medical College was named in honor in of Dr. Benjamin Rush, the only physician to sign the Declaration of Independence.

1843

Rush officially opened its doors beginning with a class of 22 students. This was the first institution of higher learning chartered in Illinois and one of the first medical schools to open west of the Appalachian mountain range.

1960s

Rush becomes Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital and begins using a logo inspired by the early religious symbols of an anchor and a cross. This logo was intended to convey a message of faith and hope for those at sea and began being used in the first century. This symbol was modified in 1969 to look as it does today to remind medical students and physicians of the values and mission of the institution.

2008

Rush breaks ground on a the new hospital that will open in January 2012. The 14-floor, $575 million, 806,000-square-foot building will house Rush's acute and critical care patients as well as surgical, diagnostic and therapeutic services utilizing the most advanced technology available. Rush's new hospital tower is being designed to conserve energy and water, reduce waste and use sustainable building materials.

June 2011

*To the Rush Medical College Class of 2011:*

Congratulations on your graduation! Thank you for the honor and privilege of writing this letter. It is hard to believe it was four years ago when you started your careers as RMC students, not knowing the difference between S1 and S2. You are now ready to manage the care of patients in a few short weeks. It has truly been a pleasure to watch you develop as clinicians.

Thank you for contributing to the Rush community: for your dedication to your work, for the care that you showed patients and families, and for your commitment to community service.

I considered writing about a number of topics that will be important in your careers: technology changing the practice of medicine, the explosion of medical knowledge, rising medical costs, productivity benchmarks for physician, patients' use of the internet for medical advice, and many other important topics.

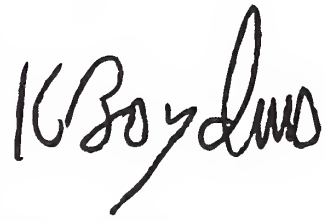
More important than all these, I know you are compassionate. I know you are good listeners. I know you have learned how to learn. I know you appreciate both the art and science behind medical practice. Use technology to heal, but don't forget the power of touch.

Patients will trust you more than they trust just about anyone else - this trust conveys the tremendous confidence they have in you and your practice. In the coming years, you will comfort patients, cure illness, prevent disease, and save lives.

Finally, don't forget to thank your family and friends for their support over the last four years.

We are very proud of you and your accomplishments and we welcome you to the profession of medicine as colleagues.

Warmly,

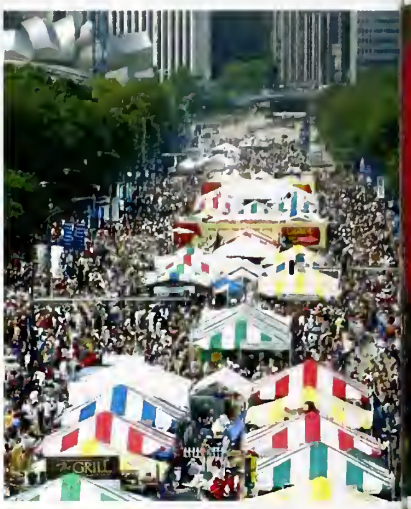


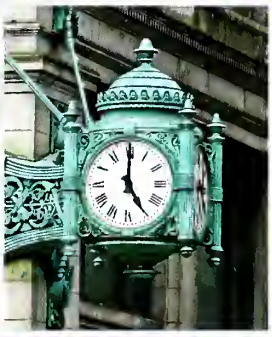


Keith Boyd, MD
Associate Dean

# chicago

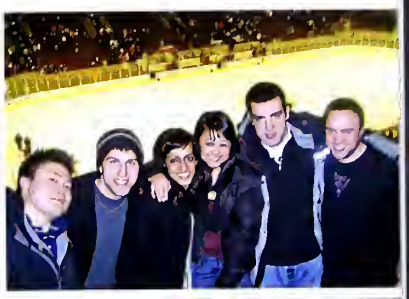
## attractions

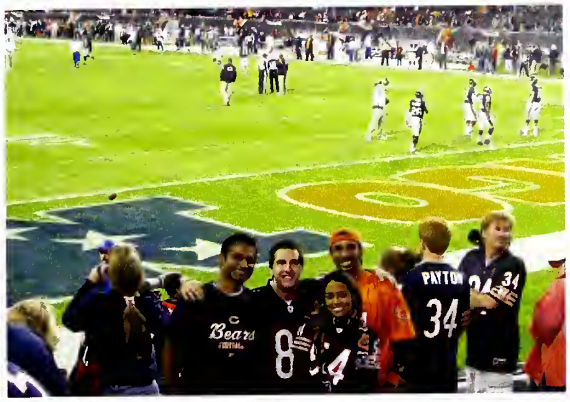


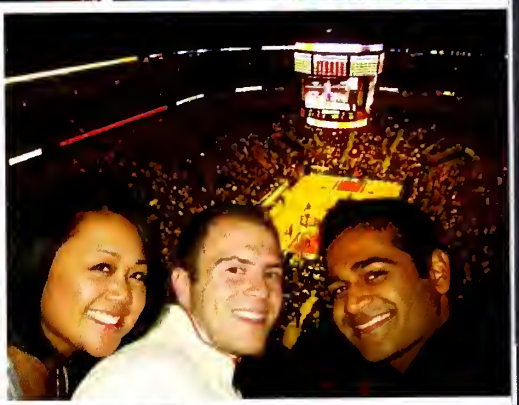
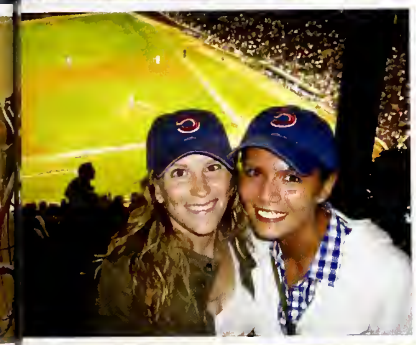


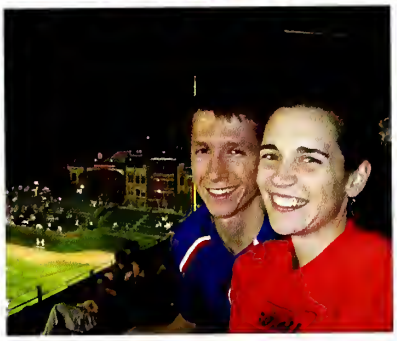
## architecture

# sports





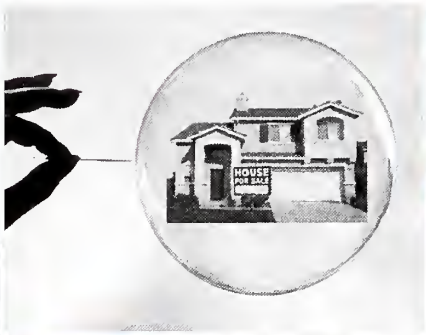



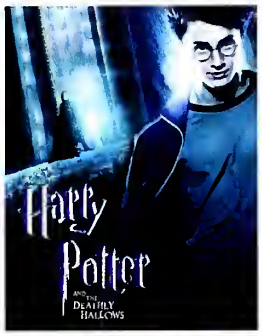


Rush students support the many Chicago teams and have enjoyed attending various sporting events over the past four years. We are also fortunate to have beautiful architecture and plenty of museums and attractions to experience.

# 2007

- Rush Class of 2011 matriculates in September.
- Housing bubble begins to burst. Financial aid office finds another reason to discourage home ownership to medical students.
- "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows," the 7th and final installment in J.K. Rowling's best selling series debuts, selling more than 11 million copies.



- The first generation iPhone is released. Usama is the first to know of its release date.
- Scientists in Japan and Wisconsin find a way to reprogram human skin cells to behave like embryonic stem cells. Dermatologist had no comments on this story as it was announced after 5pm.
- Tragedy at Virginia Tech took the lives of 33 people, including 27 students and 5 professors making it the worse shooting in US history.

# 2008

- Genome mapping is available for the masses. Medical students found to harbor genes for OCD, ADHD, constant need for attention, coffee drinking and complaining about everything.
- Barack Obama is elected president of the United States. A celebration is held at our very own Grant Park.
- Illinois Governor Blagojevich is arrested by the FBI amidst allegations of corruption regarding the replacement of Obama's Senate seat.

- Michael Phelps wins his 8th gold metal, breaking the record set by Mark Spitz in 1972.
- Heath Ledger, Australian actor dies in New York City of prescription medication overdose at age 28.

# in the news . . .

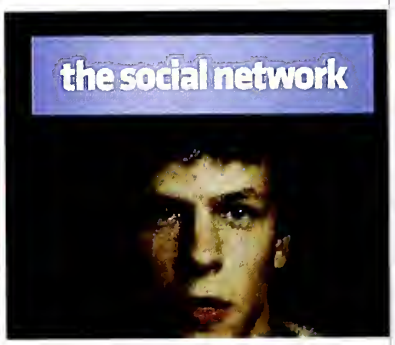
# 2009

- The WHO declares the current outbreak of H1N1 to be a 'global pandemic', the first since the 1968 Hong Kong flu.
- Oprah Winfrey announces she will end her talk show in 2011 after its 25th season.
- All the buildup over Chicago's bid for the 2016 Olympics Summer Games came to a suspense-free end after the Windy City was the first to be eliminated from consideration.

- The King of Pop, Michael Jackson, was pronounced dead of cardiac arrest following a lethal does of prescription pills possibly with his personal physical by his side.
- Mark Buehrle of the Chicago White Sox throws the 18th perfect game in major league history.

# 2010-2011

- The Chicago Blackhawks beat the Philadelphia Flyers to win the Stanley Cup.
- Mark Zuckerberg donates $100 million dollars to Newark Public Schools in the wake of the movie *The Social Network* starting to get publicity.
- Conan's TBS debut watched by 4.2 million people; beating Leno, Letterman, Stewart and Colbert.



- One of Hollywood's most legendary beauties and international sex symbols, Elizabeth Taylor, died on March 23 at the age of 79.
- Hundreds of thousands of people are killed and millions left homeless following the earthquakes in Haiti and Japan. Members of the Rush community are among the many in the international community to offer their assistance in helping the recovery.

# Rush Class of 2011 Graduates!

# class profile

## a little bit about us . . .

**57** women *45%* **71** men *55%* **20-37** age range **23** languages

**50** undergraduate colleges **9** master's degrees **1** doctor of philosophy degree

## where we're from

**14** west
university of southern california
university of washington
university of colorado
university of california
stanford university

**6** south
emory university
vanderbilt university
university of houston
georgetown university
university of north carolina
george washington university

**89** midwest
oberlin college
carleton college
indiana university
university of illinois
lake forest college
augustana college
saint louis university
knox college
calvin college
wheaton college
millikin university
university of iowa
i.i.t.
north park university
case western university
university of notre dame
washington university
northwestern university
university of chicago
benedictine university
southern illinois university
north central college
university of michigan
illinois wesleyan university
ohio state university
loyola university chicago
university of wisconsin
carleton college

**13** east
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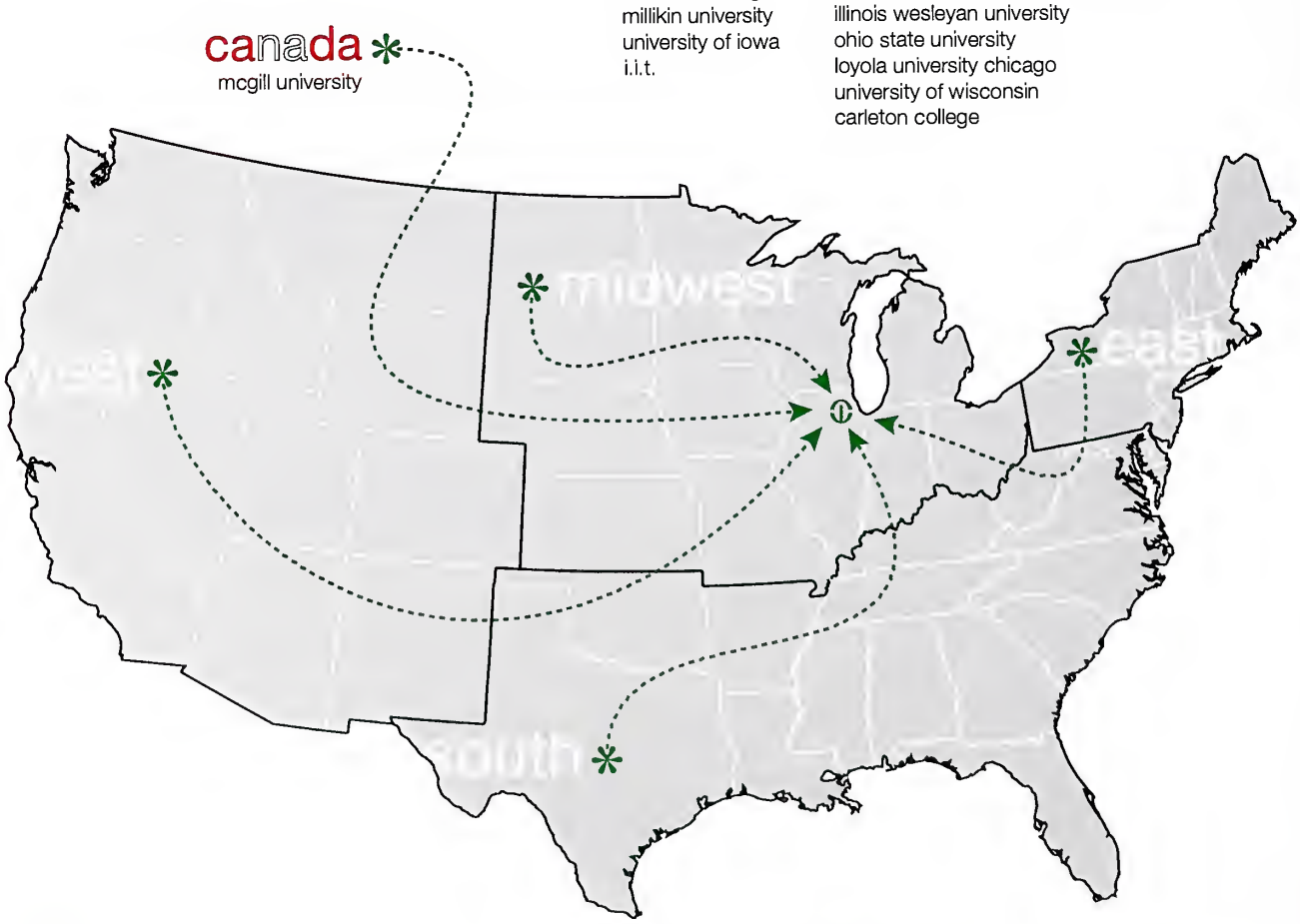
brandeis university
drexel university
cornell university
colby college
boston university
princeton university
union college
dartmouth college
m.i.t.



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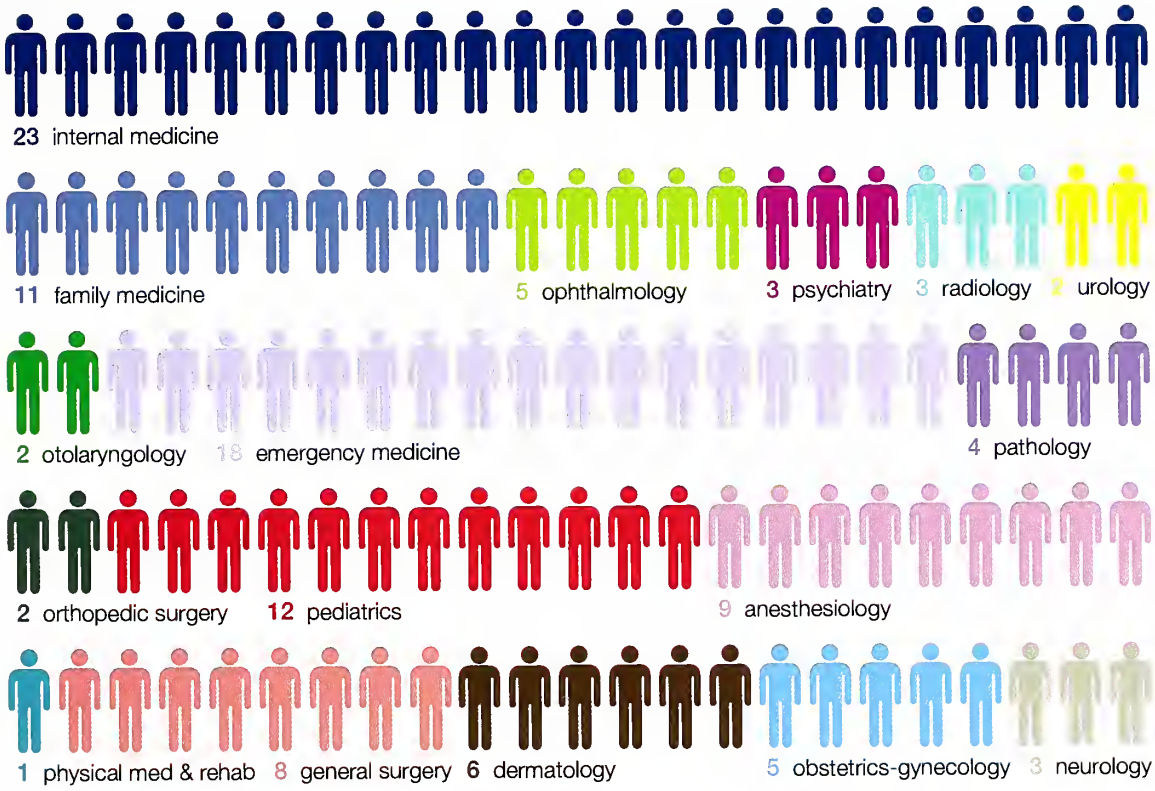



# where we're going

# baby steps

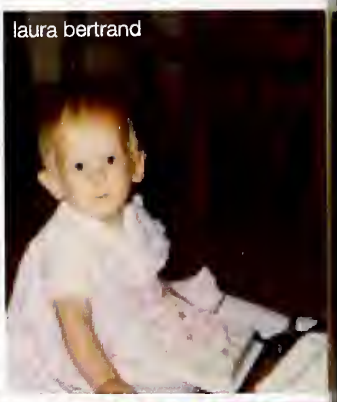
shani reich

jason satz

kellen sikora

nicole deinhammer

hilary purdy


laura bertrand

atena lodhi

benjamin feijoo

christina tran

irfan samee

kathleen shifley

jonathan koehler

evan poncher

aubrey rauktys

abra berg

dhara patel

jaimin amin

cynthia kay

margaret mcginn

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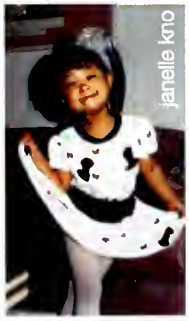
george kannankeril


janelle kno

yi jiang

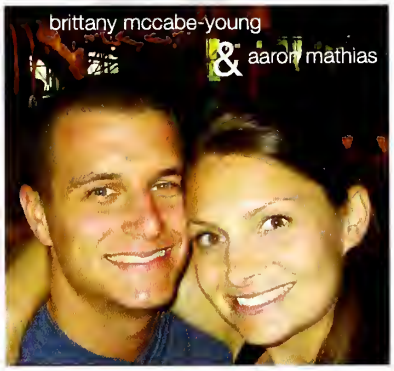
anjan tibrewala

shannon zielsdorf

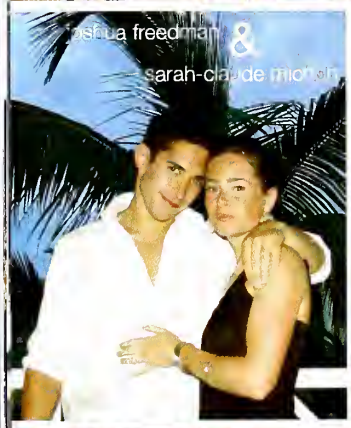
All of these babies and toddlers grew up to be physicians in the graduating class of 2011. Some were exhibiting early signs of honing their stethoscope skills.

# engagements

kathleen shifley & john willams

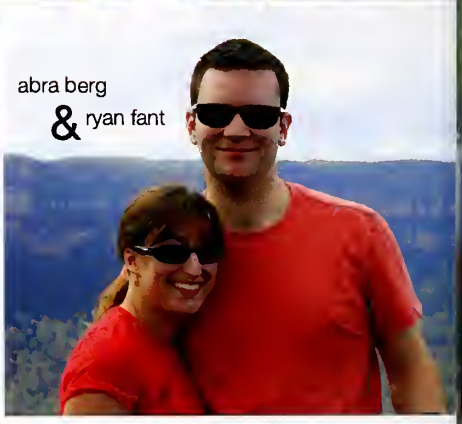

brittany mccabe-young & aaron mathias

jaimin amin & dhara patel

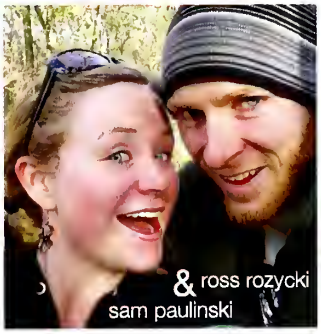

joshua freedman & sarah-claude michaud

cynthia kay & paul rozier

vidya shivakumar & ashwin chandramouli


abra berg & ryan fant

shararah shah & anthony saarcy


& ross rozycki
sam paulinski

nicole deinhammer & bobby glenn

margaret grala & northe saunders

We have had many couples get engaged throughout medical school, some a product of medical school and many will be tieing the knot spring of 2011. *CONGRATULATIONS!*

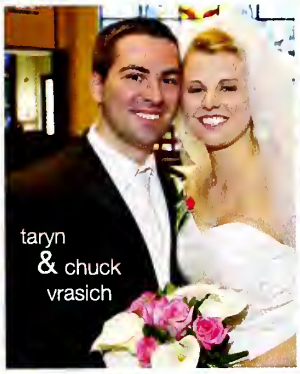
# weddings

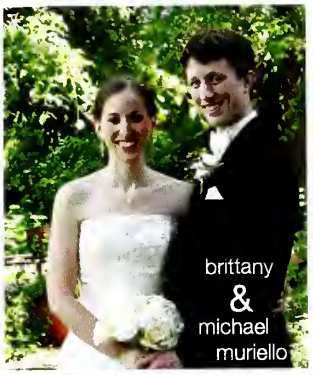
meghan edmundson & kris venkitewaran

lis & aaron tenharmsel

The past four years have been full of weddings both here and abroad.

heather & fulvio gil


taryn & chuck vrasich


brittany & michael muriello

allison cavallo & richard unetich

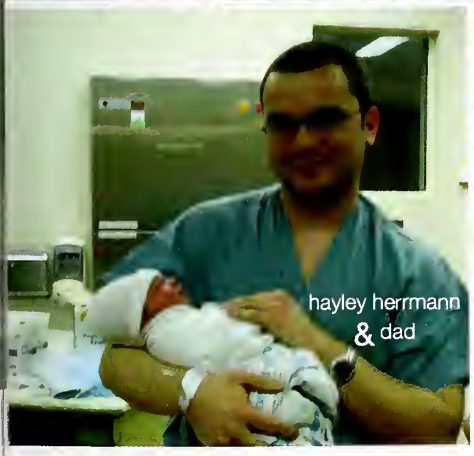
alla goldburt & brandon nicolay

reese lee & dad

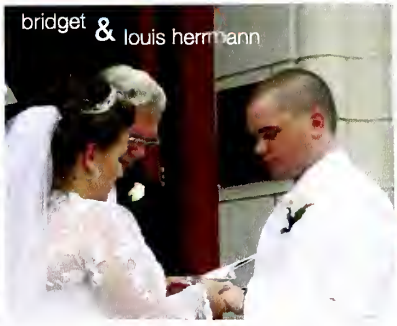
page & paul lee

the lee family

fergus glasspool


hayley herrmann & dad

the herrmann family


bridget & louis herrmann

lyall glasspool

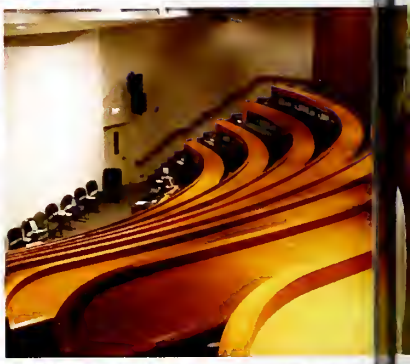
We have welcomed several adorable babies during our time at rush medical college and we look forward to seeing them grow into the next generation of doctors.

# growing families

# student life

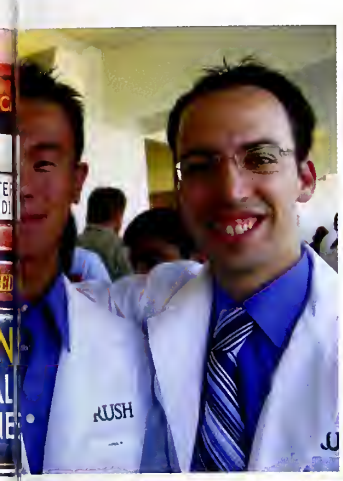
Some of my favorite moments were listening to Dr. Lint's lectures and Dr. Williams' folksy anecdotes during anatomy. *Roberto Gil*

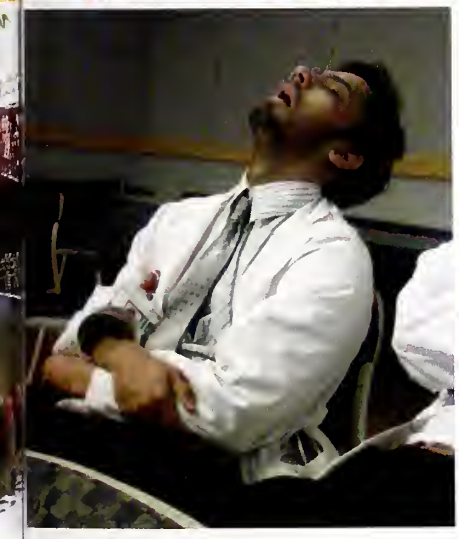
student council

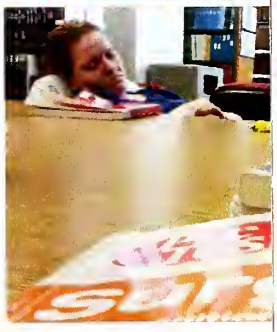


## pre-clinical years

# clinical years

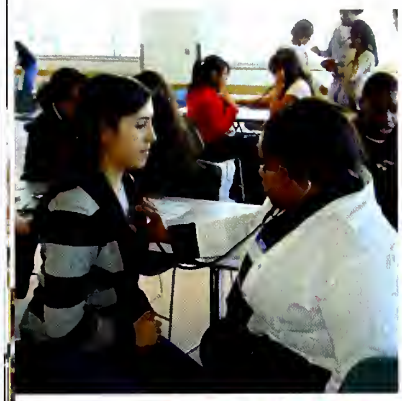


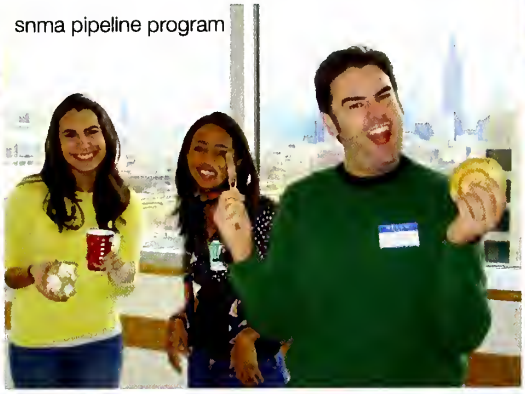




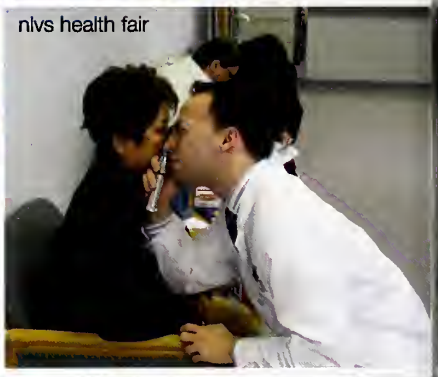
Favorite clinical moment: When a frail elderly patient I interviewed during my outpatient month of internal medicine looked into my eyes and said, "you have no clue what you're talking about, do you?" It remains my fairest evaluation yet. *Sesha*

# community




snma pipeline program

red ribbon friends


nlvs health fair

back to school health fair

Rush provides many opportunities for volunteering. Students and community residents alike benefit from participation in health screenings. Students also have the opportunity to teach about healthy lifestyles as well as support different causes such as the 'walk for ALS.'

walk for als

institute de progresso latino

Our students have very close involvement with the pediatric population through health fairs at local schools and through Rush's very own 'Buddies' program, who hosts an annual Halloween party.

christ the king health fair

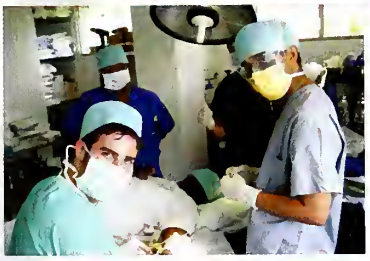
wendall phillips elementary school science lab

buddies halloween

# service

## Port-Au-Prince, Haiti

In July of 2010, 6 months after a brutal earthquake devastated an already impoverished country, Kartik Sampath, Ankit Mahashwari and Mark Lazarus traveled to Haiti to spend a week working in a medical relief clinic. While working with little diagnostic equipment, the three students were responsible for debriding and suturing wounds, performing routine obstetric care and conducting medical checkups on people who had chronic and previously mismanaged conditions. Additionally the students teamed with two surgeons from the television show *The Doctors* to help out with minor surgical procedures outside of a nearby tent-city.



## Manta, Ecuador

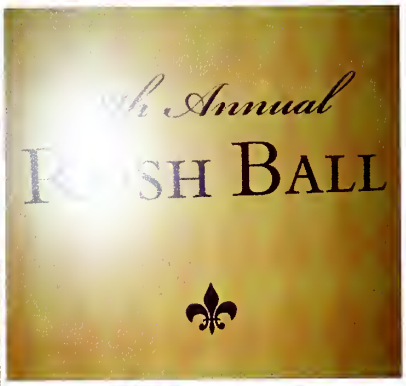
Two groups of students traveled to Manta, Ecuador the summer after M1 year to assist in providing care to an indigent population in a community hospital. There they stayed with the family of Dr. Rodriguez, a surgeon at the local hospital. For two weeks, the students volunteered at the hospital, working in the emergency department as well as on the surgery and maternity wards. They got to both help and truly experience what medicine is like in less fortunate parts of the world, all while practicing their medical spanish. And while they went there to help, they definitely found time to have some fun, by making a trip to the Galapagos Islands, as well as hiking to Machu Picchu. Definitely an experience that will not be forgotten. (Steve Serio, Jim Maletich, and Mark Lazarus; Matt Collander, Janelle Kho, Jason Satz, and Yalini Vigneswaran)

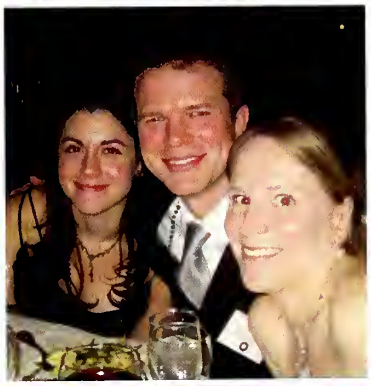
## Mumbia, India

In the summer of 2008, students Sandra Goyal and Merrick Donenberg traveled to Mumbia, India through Child and Family Health International. They rotated through various government hospitals and clinics, some no larger than a bedroom closet. They got to experienced various wards of the hospital ranging from the OR (where flip flops were the footwear of choice) and the delivery room (where multiple women give birth at once). They also had the chance to experience the culture and food of India and were able to travel to Delhi and Goa. Overall, an amazing experience and glimpse into healthcare practices around the world.

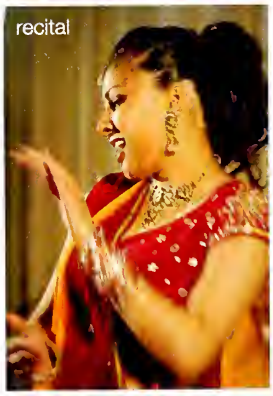
# world travel

# events



rush ball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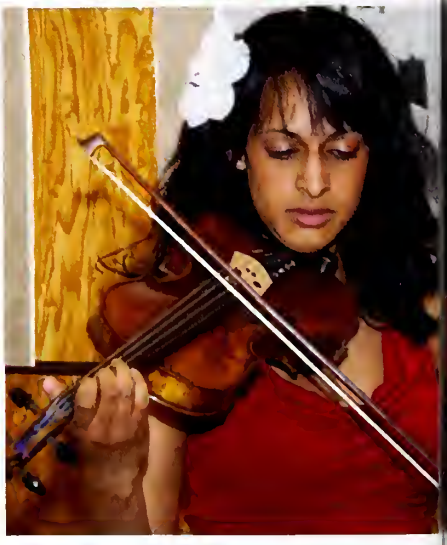


Rush students participate in many functions such as the annual Rush Ball and cubs' games with our advisors. Our students also have many talents and are frequent performers at the annual 'Let Rush Entertain You' recitals.

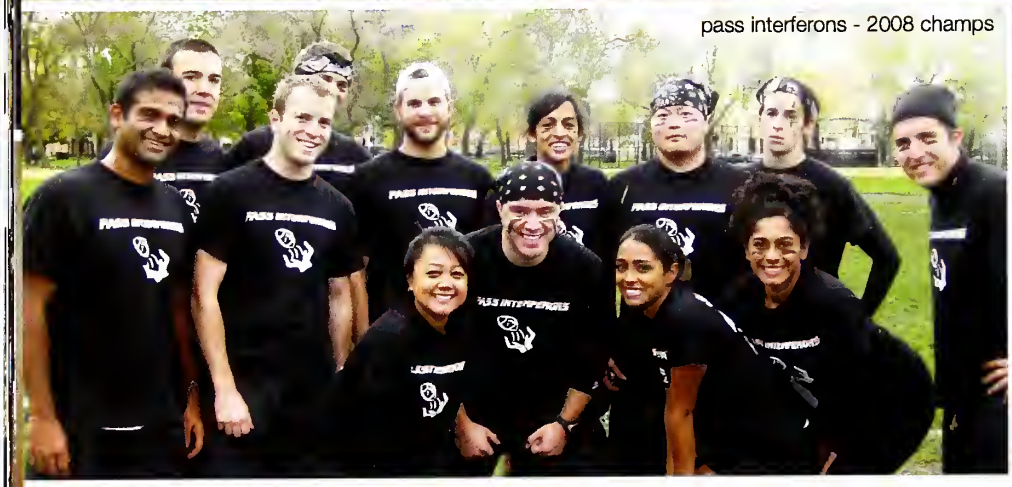
fragile x fundraiser

drs. pilch and bines' advisor group cubs game outing

snma members at snma ny conference

gold humanism award winners

From flag-football to rec leagues, you can always find Rush students participating in a variety sports.



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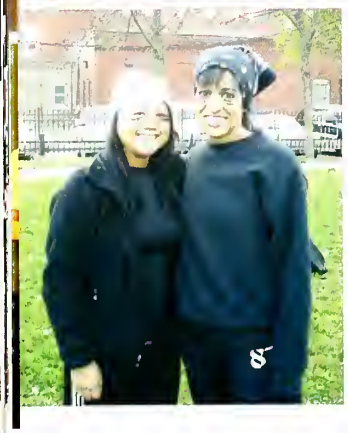

pass interferons - 2007 champs

# we love our

# rush sports

team friendship

sons of pitches

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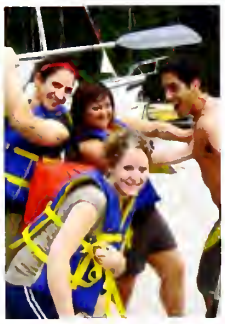
kleitmaster krusker

slaughter rule

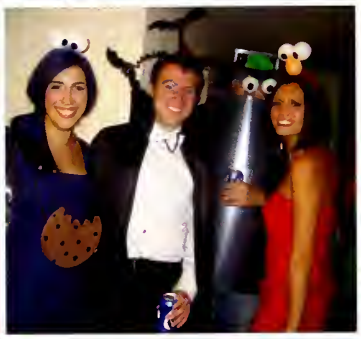
master batter

Each year, Rush hosts a softball tournament in the spring that has med student teams from Chicago and nearby states compete.

# hanging out



From celebrating halloween to post-finals parties, students always find a way to unwind and spend time together.



# celebrations

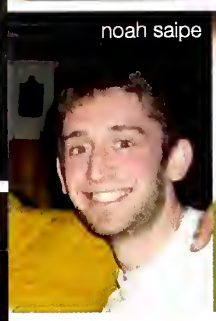
be a pro-sports doc

be a rush-lifer

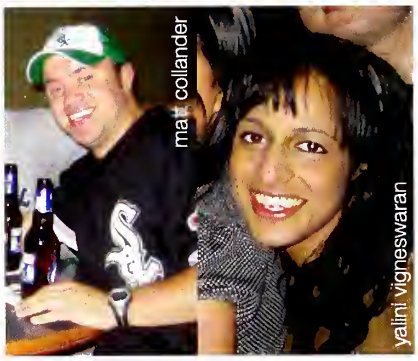
be a swordfish

be friends 4 ever!

have diseases named after them



pimp as an intern




be overheard two wards away

snack while rounding

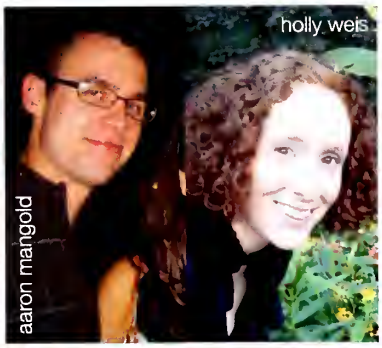
moonlight for the fun of it

# most likely to . . .

date their attending or student

lead 5 min rounds

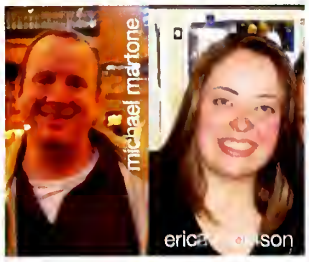
lead 5 hour rounds




be a star like "dr. oz"

make their students get coffee

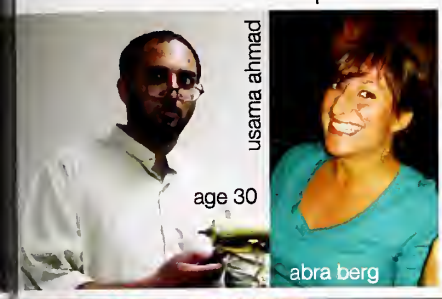
wear high heels with scrubs or cut-off scrubs




do a 2nd residency

fall asleep on rounds

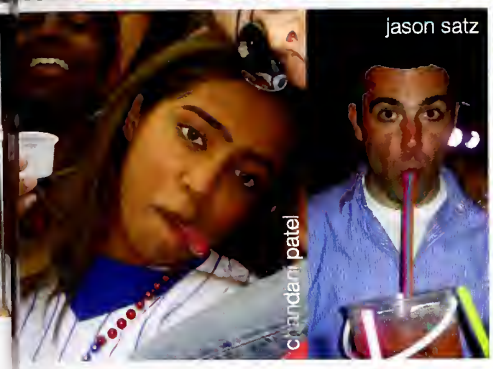
be a professor



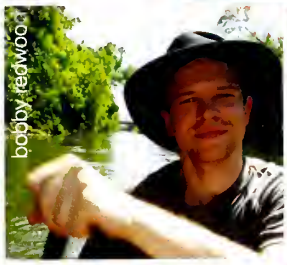

cure cancer

be the next surgeon general

win a nobel prize




show up hungover on the 1st day of residency




ask questions in class

to practice abroad

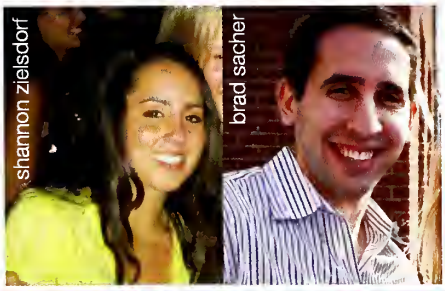
show up late on the 1st day of residency

# superlatives

funniest

biggest flirt

most athletic




cutest couple

best hair

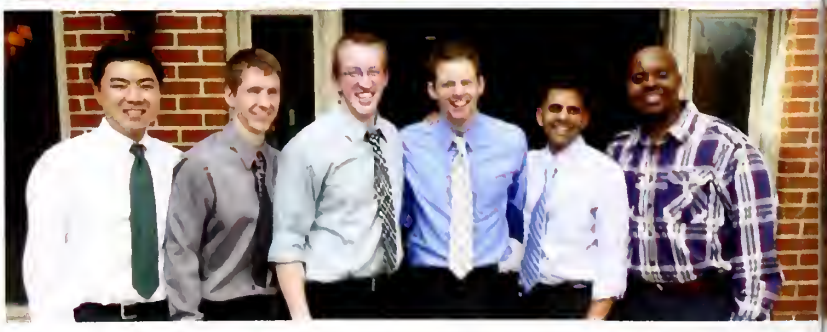
best dressed

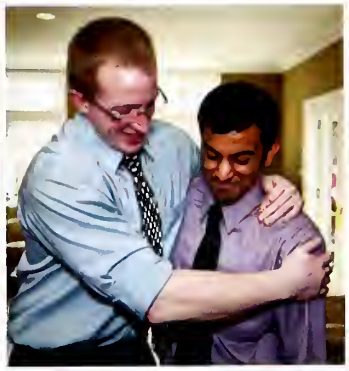
loudest on-call room snorer

best nickname

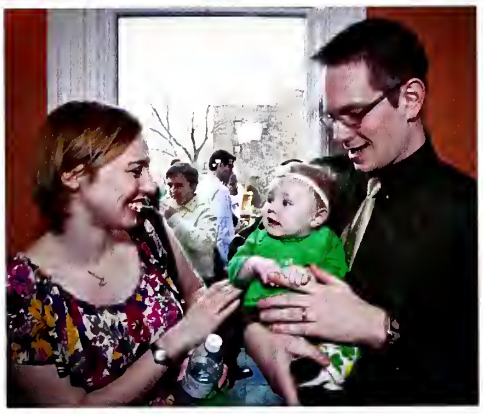
# match day

I will miss my mentors who encouraged me to pursue my dream and provided support, and of course my classmates and residents I became friends with. *Shani*





My favorite part of medical school was Match Day, when I tore open the envelope and saw that I had matched to Rush! *Sesha*



# words of advice

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My most sincere congratulations on this end, and this beginning! Know that you are well prepared to be outstanding physicians and, I hope, leaders of our profession . . . . . Never, ever stop learning about your field, about the world around you, and about the wonderful process of life itself; knowing that you are doing so, will be a reward to all of us who had the privilege of participating in your education.

*Thomas Deutsch, MD, Ophthalmology*
*RMC Class of 1979*

Dear Colleagues: Since opening our doors in 1843, being a 'Rush Physician' has meant that you meet a standard that is at the pinnacle of medical education. You are now part of this long legacy. Continue to make us proud!

*Paul J. Jones, MD, Pediatric Otolaryngology*
*RMC Class of 1983*

Life isn't about finding yourself, it's about creating yourself. So.... Keep creating!

*Liza M. Pilch, MD, Emergency Medicine,*
*RMC Class of 1994*

Follow my lead: make the care of patients your life's passion. What's the beauty of being a doctor? The gratitude of patients and the respect of colleagues and friends. Best of all, the older you get as a doctor, the better you "look"!

*Annabelle S. Volgman, MD, Cardiology*

Remember on a daily basis the reason you were called to medicine in the first place: to help others and make a difference, however small or large, in the lives of fellow human beings.

*Jeffrey M. Mjaanes, MD, Pediatric Sports Medicine*

If you follow your passion in medicine you cannot go wrong.
*David A. Ansell, MD, Internal Medicine*

Nothing of value comes easy, if it comes too easy it is worthless . . . . restore anatomy before you remove anatomy . . . . when the patient is bleeding she is alive, it is when she stops bleeding that you have a major problem . . . . only operate on patients you like or you don't know that you do not like, never operate on someone you know you do not like.
*Patricia M. Boatwright, MD, Obstetrics and Gynecology*

As you begin your internship as a full-fledged physician and teacher, you will have M3s and M4s looking up to you and asking for answers about patient care. Be careful what you say because they will actually believe you. It is okay to say 'I don't know, but I'll find out'. They'll appreciate it.
*Robert L. Rosen, MD, Pulmonary Disease*

Enjoy every day and never forget what an honor it is to be entrusted with others' health and well-being.
*Maria Brown, DO, Family Medicine*

Keep your life balanced. Being a physician is a wonderful privilege and a great responsibility. Nevertheless, make time for God, family, yourself and other priorities in your life.
*Viju John, MD, Internal Medicine*

As a resident, never forget what it felt like to be a student. As a physician, always appreciate what if feels like to be a patient.
*Jonathan A. Myers, MD, General Surgery*
*RMC Class of 1999*

No matter what field of medicine we choose to go into, you get to decide what kind of doctor you will be. Are you the doctor that drinks a coke with a patient's husband on the way out of the hospital and tells them how strong his wife is who is suffering from cancer in the ICU, or do you just smile politely and leave the building. I hope I have the strength and courage to be the former. I hope my doctor is that person as well.
*Omar Lateef, DO, Pulmonary Disease and Critical Care Medicine*

If you ask the right questions,
you'll get the right answers.
*Russell E. Bartt, MD, Neurology*

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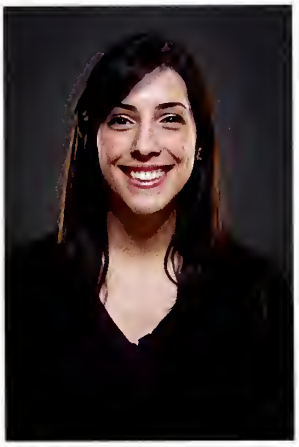

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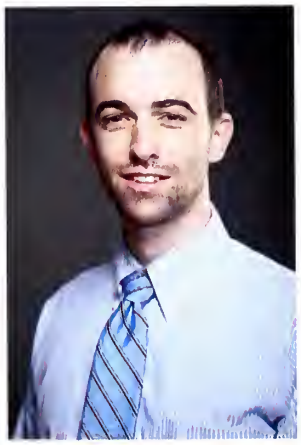

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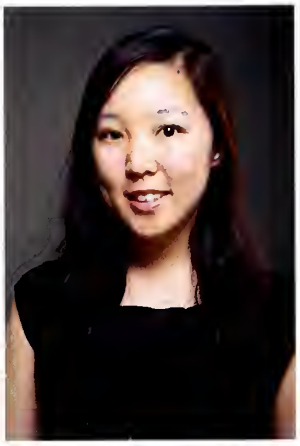

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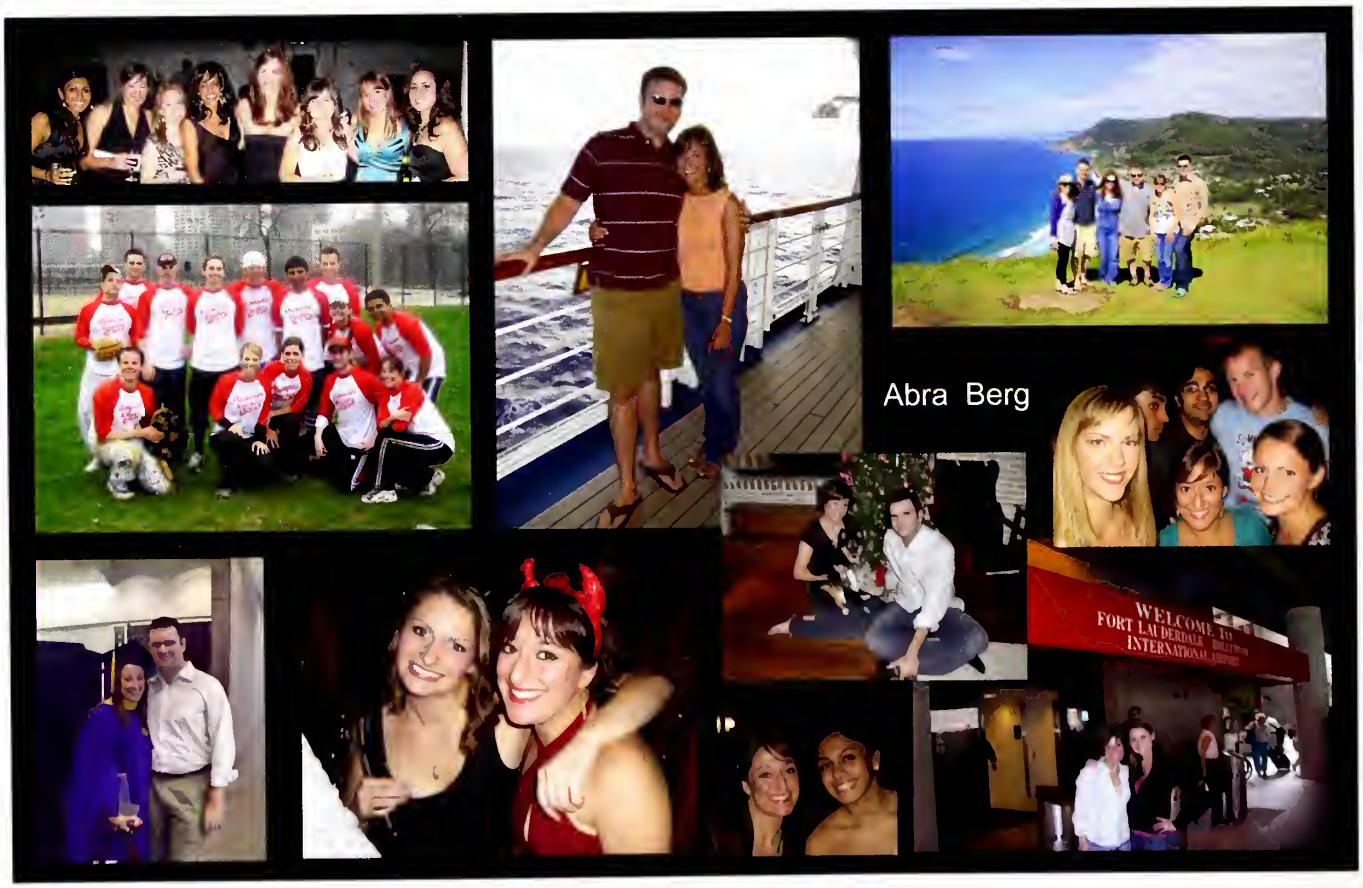
THANK YOU to my wonderful family and friends for all your support! I couldn't have done it without you.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WELCOME TO
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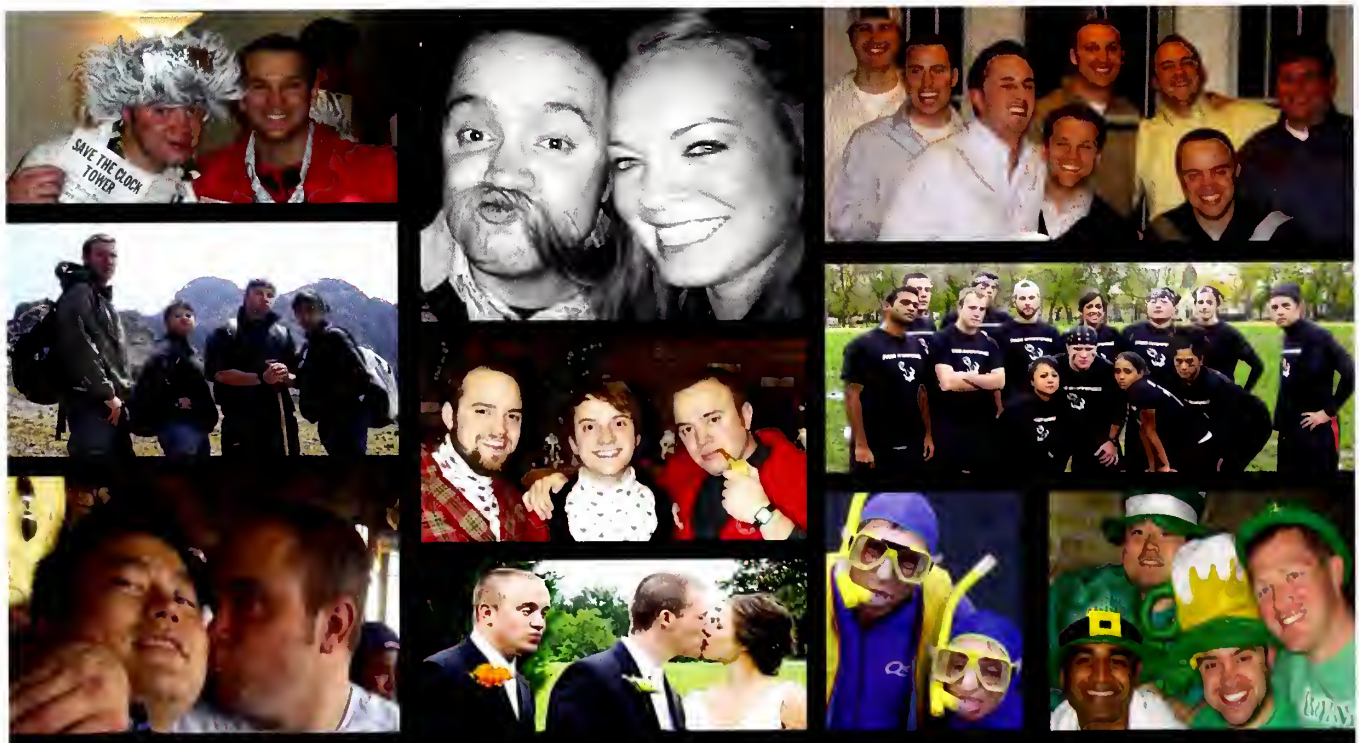
# Congrats and Good Luck to the Class of 2011!

**Laura Bertrand**

*Beware what you set your heart upon.*
*For it shall*
*truly be yours.-RWE*

Class of 2011




Matt Collander
Go Heels!

Because without you, I wouldn't be who I am, where I am.
And for that, I will never forget you or what you have done for me.

Thank you all for your support, Meghan Edmundson

" Live for the nights you won't remember, with the friends you'll never forget"
-the Internet

Thanks to all friends and family for your support and for all the memorable times!!! - Robertino

*If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.*
*If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway.*
*If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway.*
*The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.*
*Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best, anyway.*
*For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.*

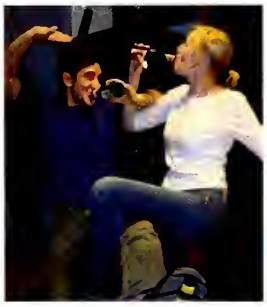
- Mother Teresa

To my incredible wife, family, friends, and the family of the Rush community, thank you for all those things you have taught me, for pushing me to do more, for never letting me forget the support I have always had from you, and for shaping me into the person that I am today. Heather, Mom, Dad, Alex, Nina, Mayela, Nicole, and Matt, lots of love with all my heart.

# ALLA GOLDBURT

Thanks to my Rush friends with whom I have gone beyond just collectively sharing the ups and downs of this experience. We also shared in post-exam bitchfests, dance parties at Tumers, ski trips and camping trips, we've bonded at conferences, shared each others' weddings and more.

Its not the load that brings you down it's the way you carry it, and you all have made the burden tolerable and the road a hell of a lot more fun!



## Sandra Goyal

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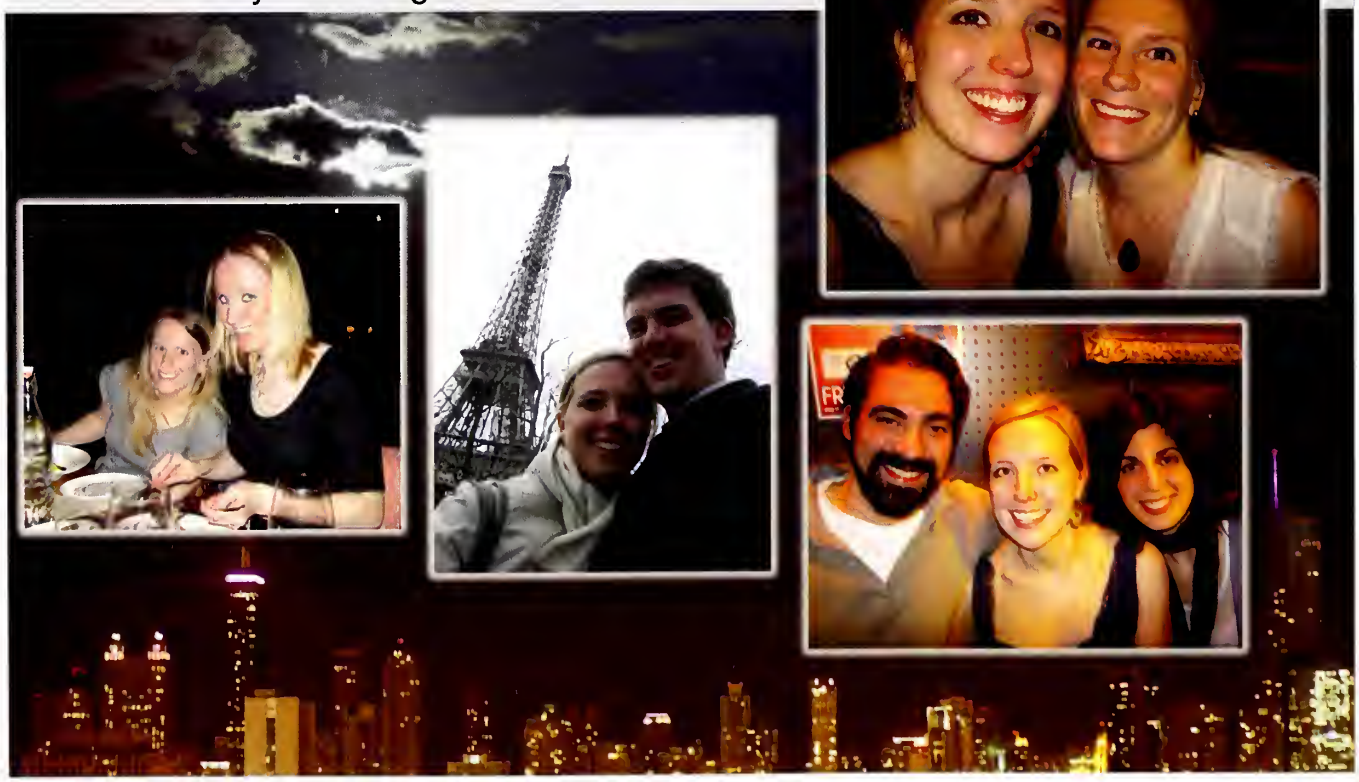
Congratulations Class of 2011. Thank you for a fun-filled four years. -Meg Grala



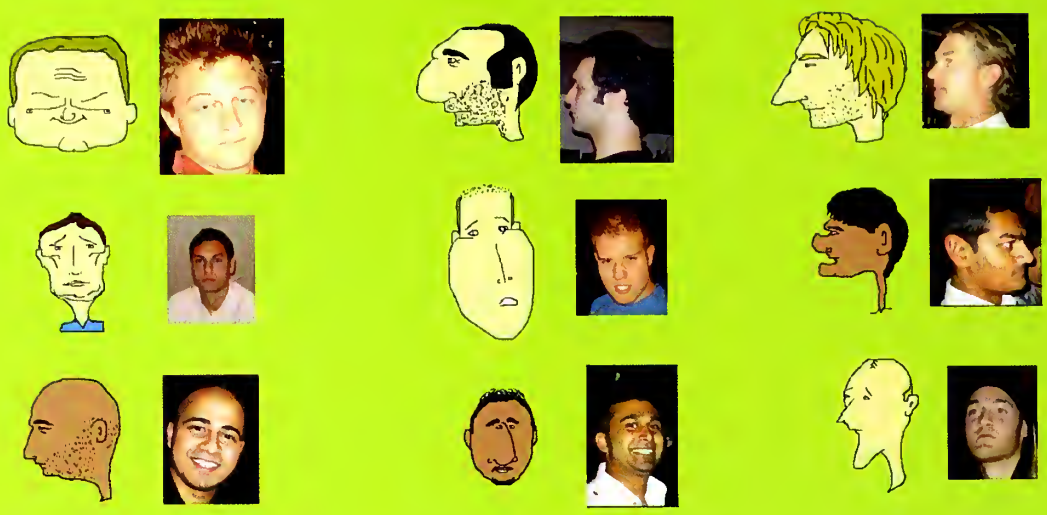
Time
+
Love
+
Work
+
Tuition

Name: Sejong Han
Age: 5(?)
Occupation: just a kid in Seoul, South Korea

Name: Christopher Sejong Han
Age: 28
Occupation: soon to be an urologist in New Jersey

*Mom, Dad, Sis and my beloved friends…thank you for all the love and support to help me get where I am today. WE did it! Love you guys!*

**I couldn't have done it without you**



**...and by "you" I mean my incredible drawing skills that have kept me awake since 2006. Thank you.**

**Omar Hassanein**

THINGS I LEARNED IN MEDICAL SCHOOL...

OMG! I'M GOING TO BE A DOCTOR!!!!!

M1 - HOW TO DRESS FOR THE LIBRARY

M2 - THE PHARMACOLOGY OF VARIOUS SUBSTANCES

M3 - THE ART OF LOOKING INTERESTED

M4 - THE ART OF LOOKING BORED

OMG! I'M GOING TO BE A DOCTOR?!?!?

BIG THANK YOU TO KRISTIN JACOBS, MY LOVELY PHOTOGRAPHER AND ARTISTIC DIRECTOR, MEGAN STARSHAK, MY PHOTOSHOP AND ALL THINGS DESIGN GURU, AND CHUCK VRASICH, MY TALENTED VICTIM.

ALSO WANTED TO SAY,

I GUESS WE REALLY HAVE COME A LONG WAY. CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2011!

*Thank You to all of my Family and Friends for your Love and Support!*

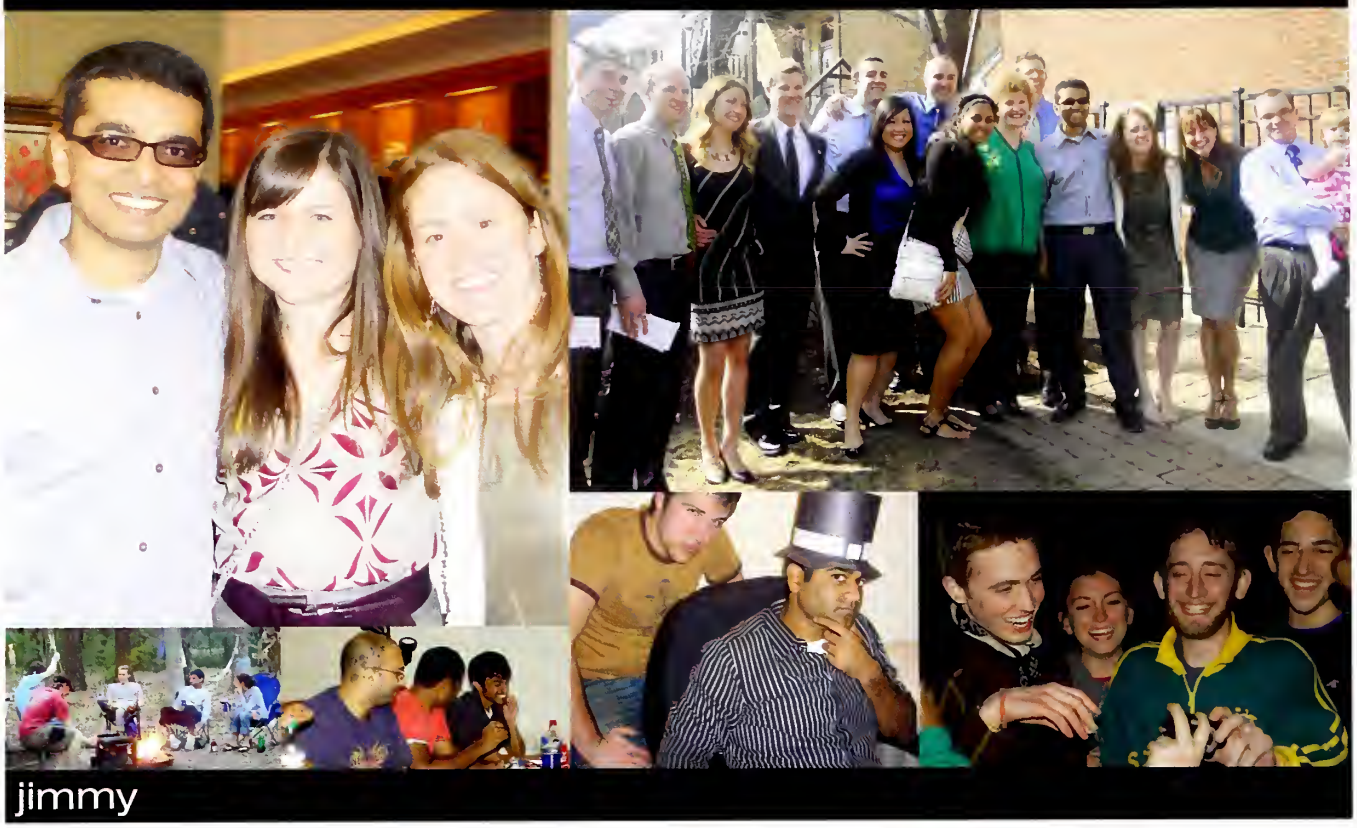
*Louis Herrmann*

Kristin Jacobs & RMC Class of 2011
"Winning"

Thanks to my Rush peers, friends, and family for all of their support throughout this incredible journey

Love you all!

jain



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Thank you all.I couldn't do it without you.

**How quickly, "Do it for me,"**

**becomes "Do it for her,"**

**and then "Do it for them"**

And to those who continually reminded me of this...

... I can never thank you enough

# *Erik Gerber Jenson*

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To my friends and family, thank you for your support along the way. I wouldn't have done it without you guys!

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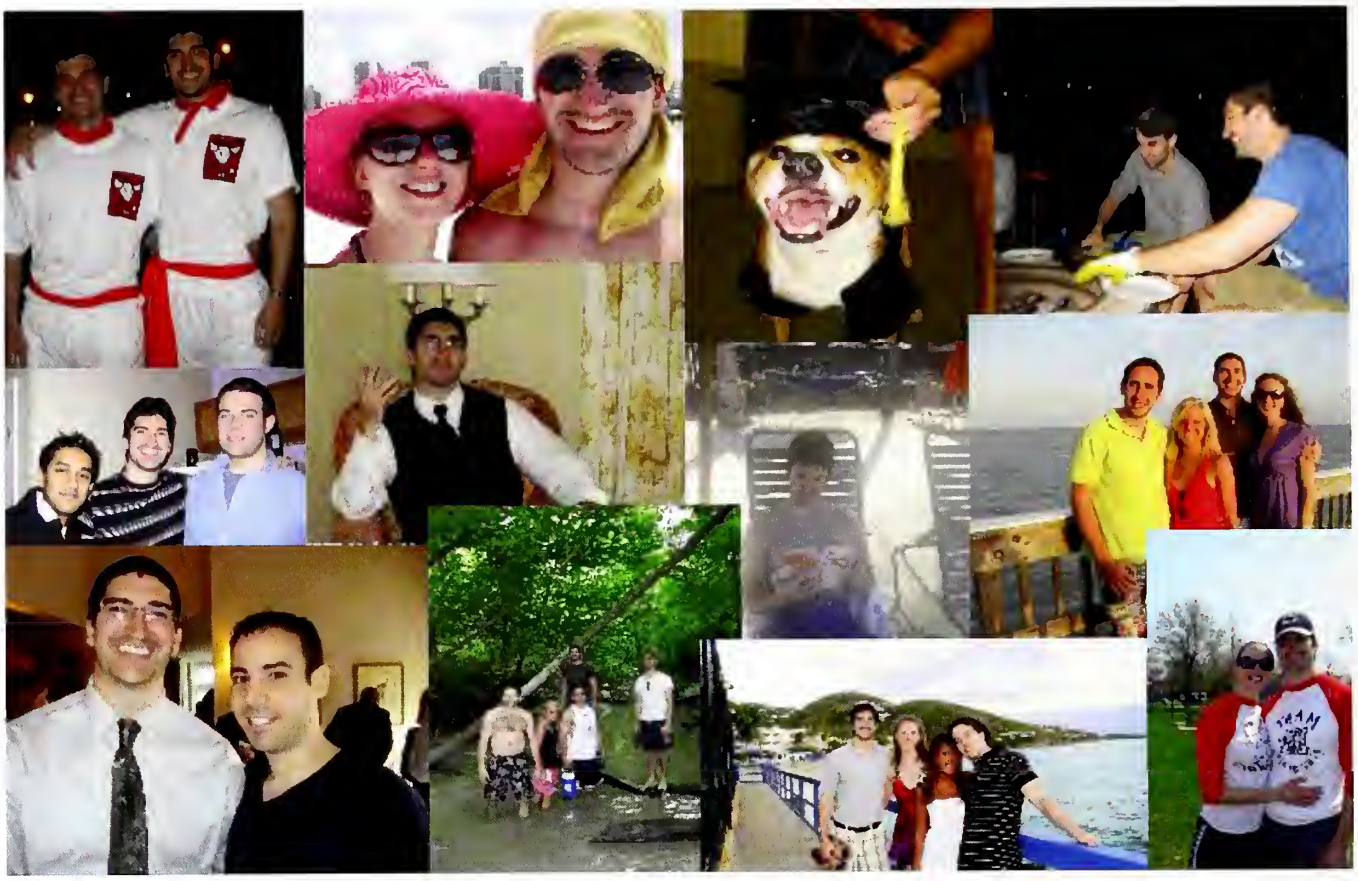

NEIL KAMDAR
Thanks to my family and friends for making the last 4 years amazing!

*to my friends,*
thanks for making this such a fun experience!

Monika Kaniszewska

*to my family,*
this accomplishment is just as much yours as it is mine. thank you for being there for me.

Thanks to my family and friends, who helped shape the last four years of my life into something I can look back on and smile.

George Kannankeril

### Doctors

They work with herbs
and penicillin
They work with gentleness
and the scalpel.
They dig out the cancer,
close an incision
and say a prayer
to the poverty of the skin.
They are not Gods
though they would like to be;
they are only a human
trying to fix up a human.
Many humans die.
They die like the tender,
palpitating berries
in November.
But all along the doctors remember:
First do no harm.
They would kiss if it would heal.
It would not heal.

If the doctors cure
then the sun sees it.
If the doctors kill
then the earth hides it.
The doctors should fear arrogance
more than cardiac arrest.
If they are too proud,
and some are,
then they leave home on horseback
but God returns them on foot.

-Anne Sexton

KIM
JEFFERY BLVD
thanks everyone, its been a great ride.

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor
height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to
the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Andrew Knox

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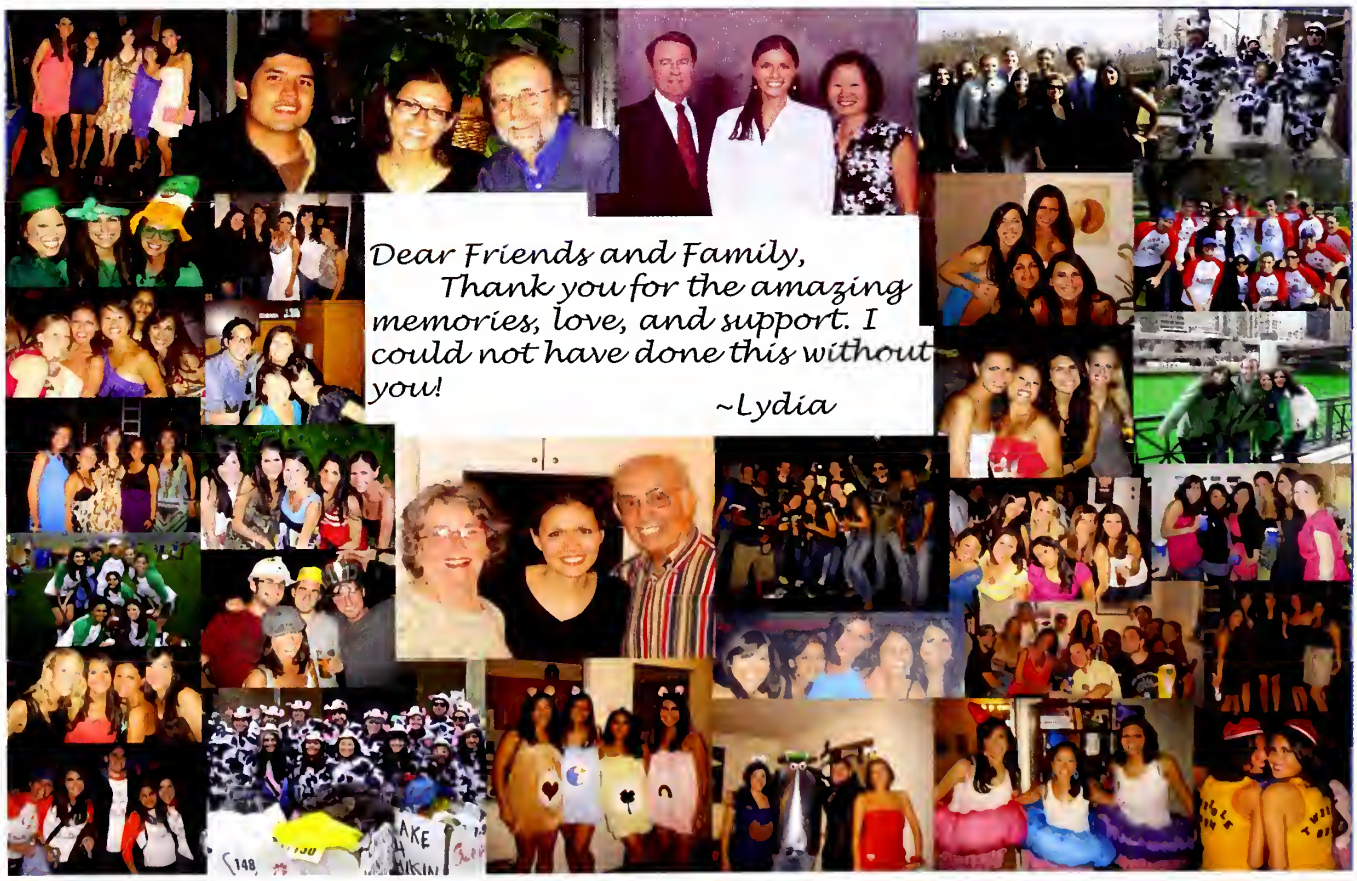
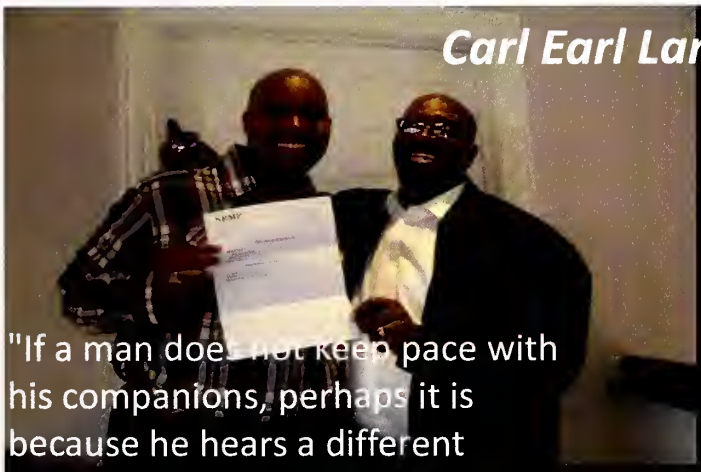
Thank you to all my family and friends who have stood by me throughout these long years of education and perpetual unemployment. Without your prayers, love, and support I would not be here today.
Jonathan Koehler
Emergency


Dear Friends and Family,
Thank you for the amazing memories, love, and support. I could not have done this without you!
~Lydia

## Nicole Kwan

Biggest thanks to my family and friends
for their love and support during this journey.

*"When just starting out on a new journey it's only natural to feel vulnerable. After all, it may seem that you have much to lose. But may I remind you that never again, at any other point in the same journey, will you have so much to gain."* *-Mike Dooley*



## Carl Earl Lambert, Jr.

"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away."
~Henry David Thoreau

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

And a time always comes when you discover that you have two hands: one for helping yourself, the other for helping others.

I am so incredibly grateful for the support of my friends + family over these last 4 years. I could not have done it without you!!!

MARK LAZARUS

Some of my fondest memories from medical school include: studying for pathology with Reese asleep on my lap, post -pharmacology late night Chinese food, early morning anatomy lab, post-final basketball, no work Chizzard, pork sausage @ CCH, steak tacos after Step 1 questions, midnight METC for Histo, Peds floor snack room, daily Medicine lunches, SICU rotation, organ harvest at UofC, and rat splenectomy.

It is amazingly powerful to have the support of a strong, motivated, and inspirational group of people.
~Susan Jeffers

It is one of the blessings of old friends that you can afford to be stupid with them.
~Ralph Waldo Emerson

## ATENA LODHI

New Life Volunteering Society

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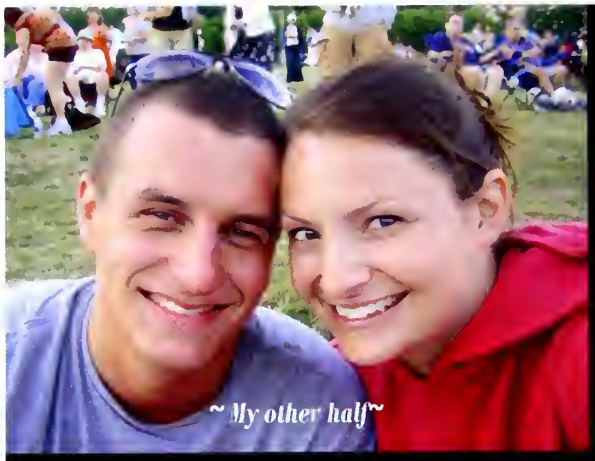
Orientation

Coterie

Ankit Maheshwari



~ My other half~

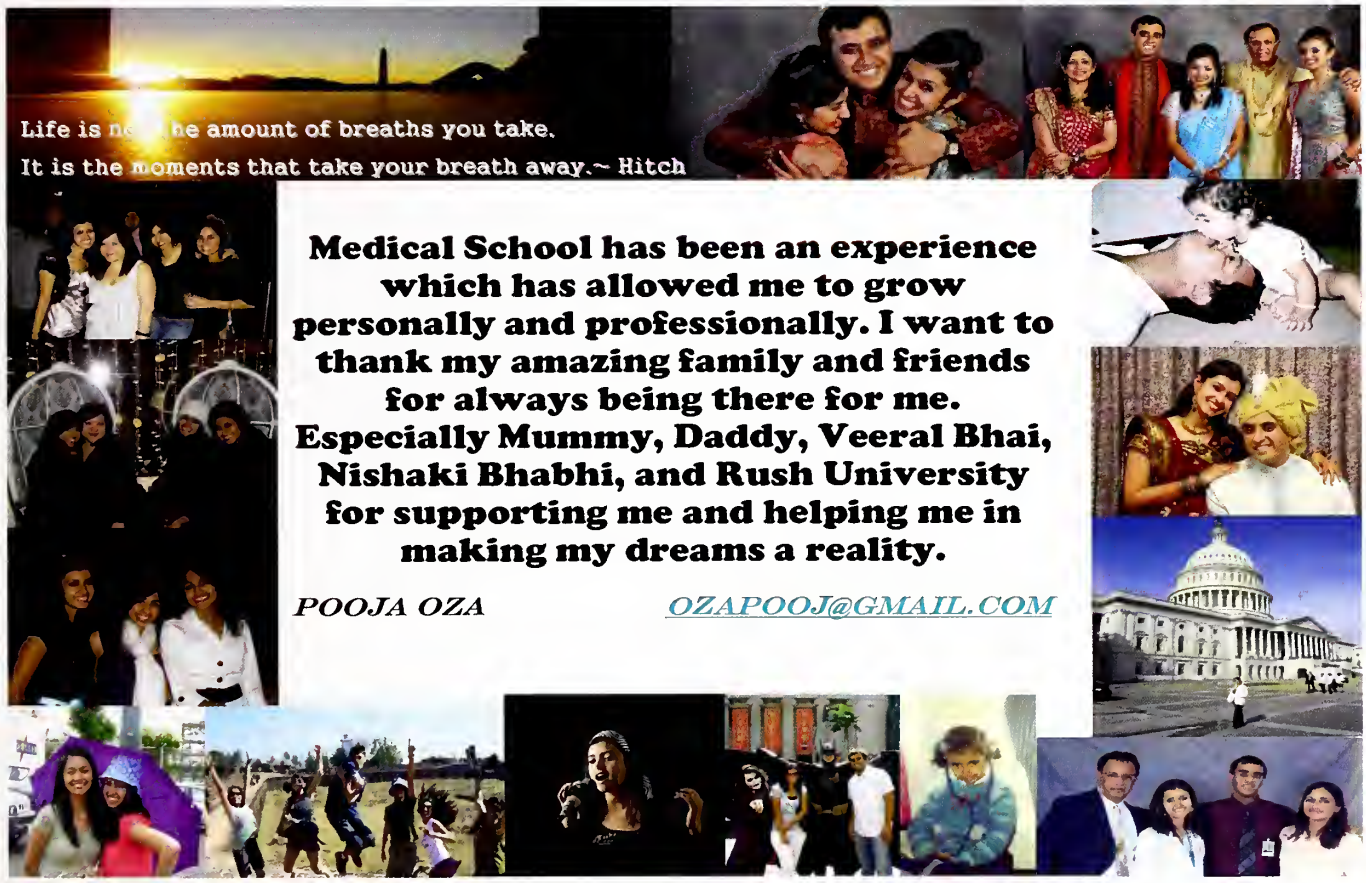
*"The most wasted of all days is one without laughter."*
~ E.E. Cummings

~ Best Friends ~

~ My Family ~

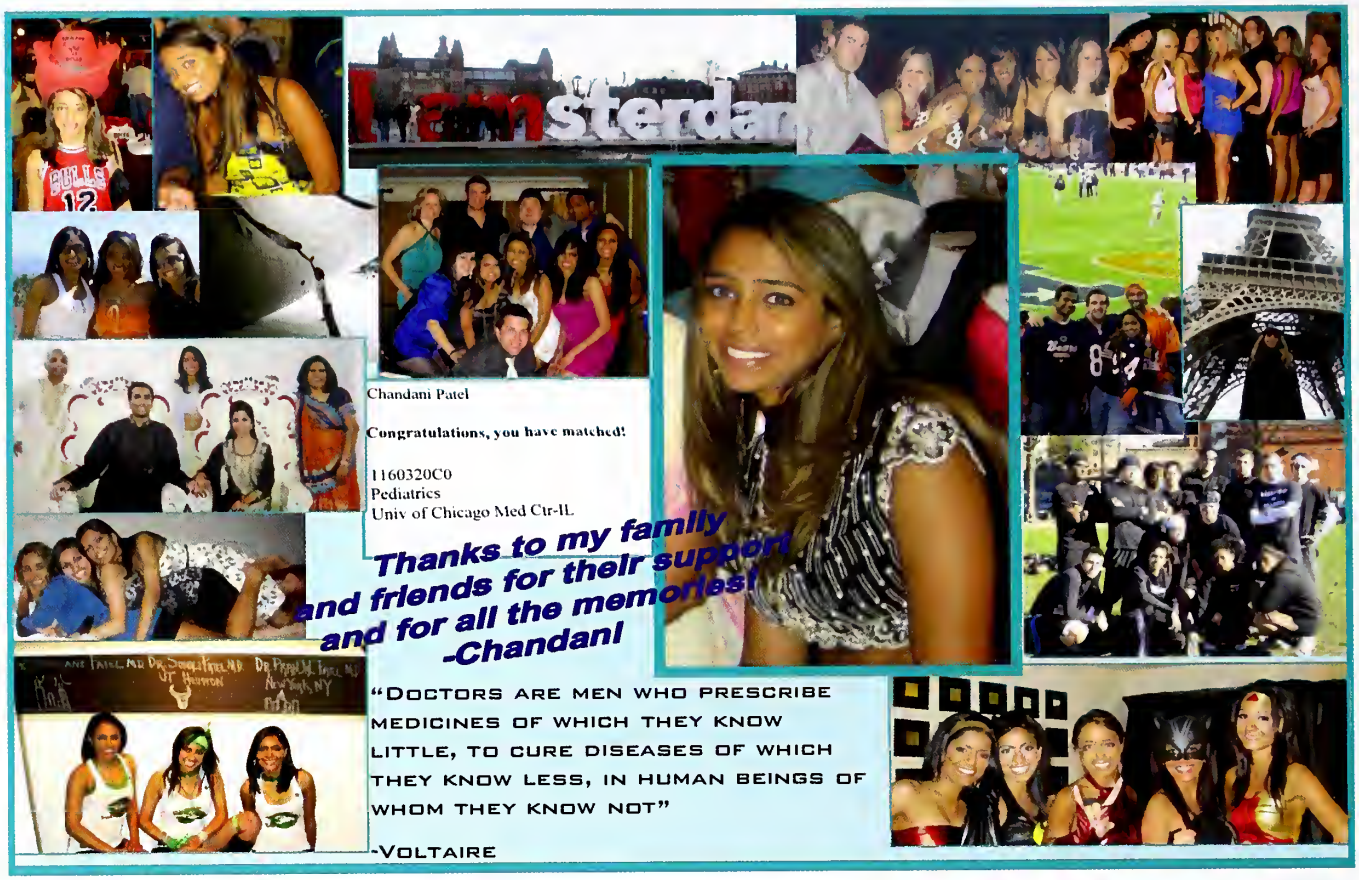
~ My Carpool Ladies~

Maggie McGinn




**Medical School has been an experience which has allowed me to grow personally and professionally. I want to thank my amazing family and friends for always being there for me. Especially Mummy, Daddy, Veeral Bhai, Nishaki Bhabhi, and Rush University for supporting me and helping me in making my dreams a reality.**

*POOJA OZA* OZAPOOJ@GMAIL.COM


Chandani Patel
Congratulations, you have matched!
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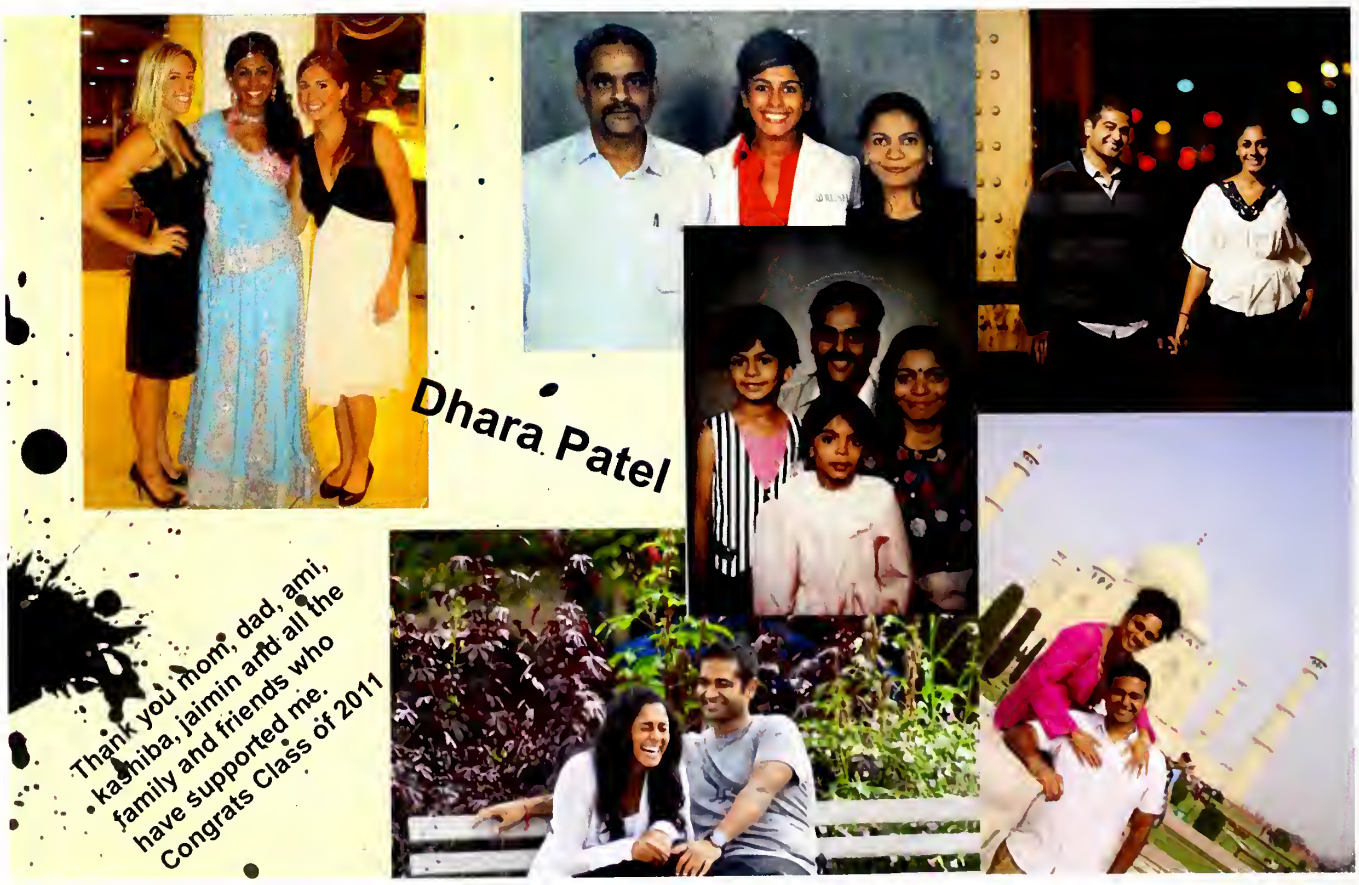
Pediatrics
Univ of Chicago Med Ctr-IL
Thanks to my family and friends for their support and for all the memories!
-Chandani
"Doctors are men who prescribe medicines of which they know little, to cure diseases of which they know less, in human beings of whom they know not"
-Voltaire


Dhara Patel
Thank you mom, dad, ami, kashiba, jaimin and all the family and friends who have supported me.
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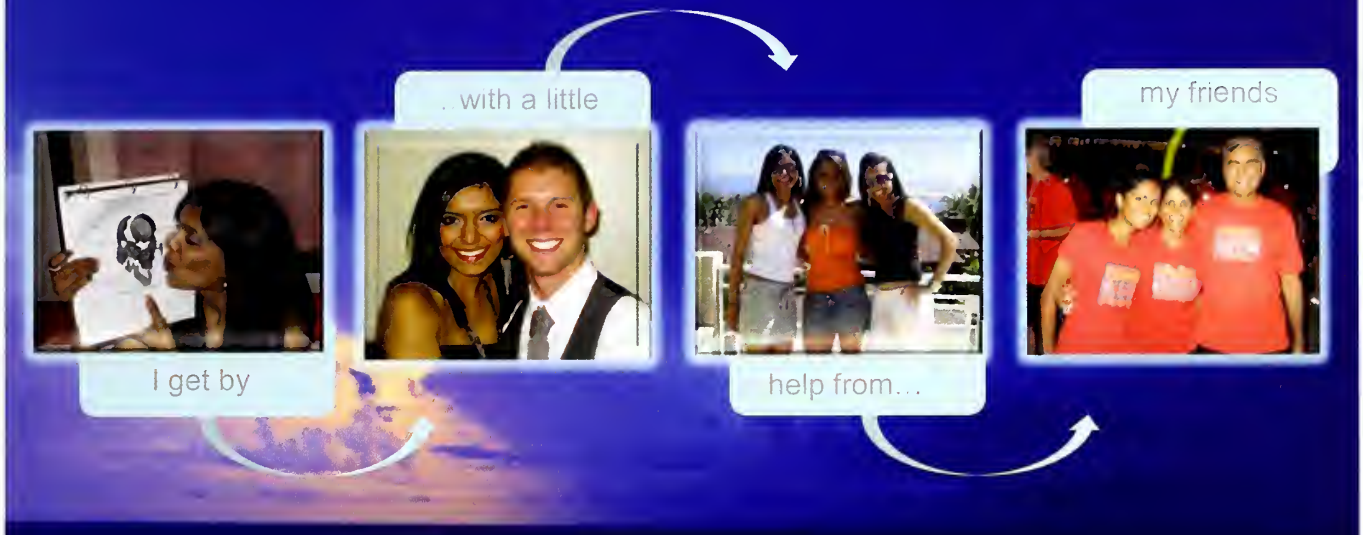
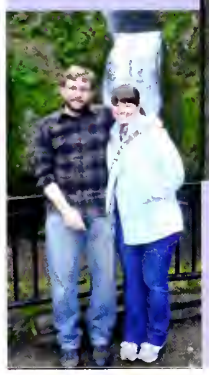
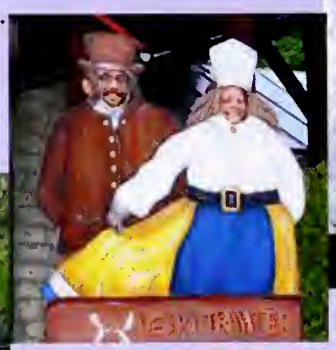



The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.
Eleanor Roosevelt

# CARRIE PIERCE

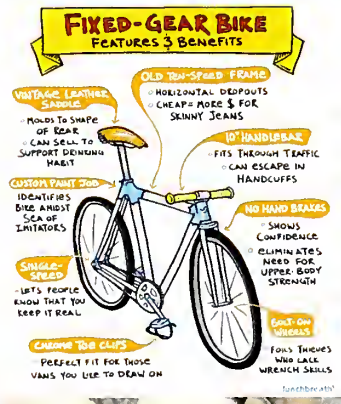
From white coat ceremony..



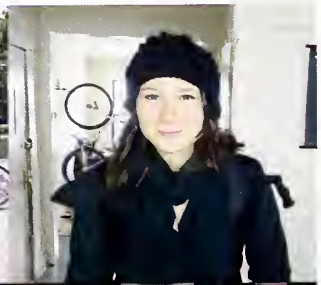


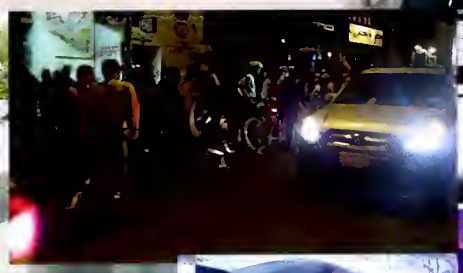
...to match day...

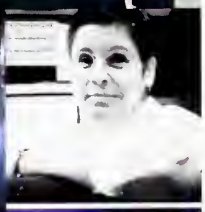
...with some travels in between.

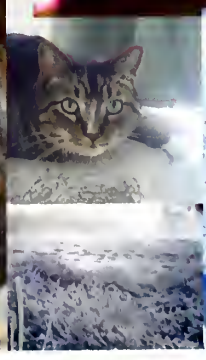



Evan Rene' Jevon Poncher



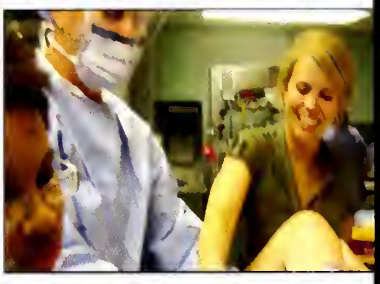


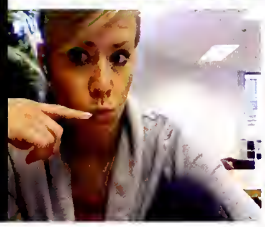




## Hilary Purdy

*Thank you all for making the last four years so special! Looking forward to what lies ahead...*





## *Jessica Ramirez*

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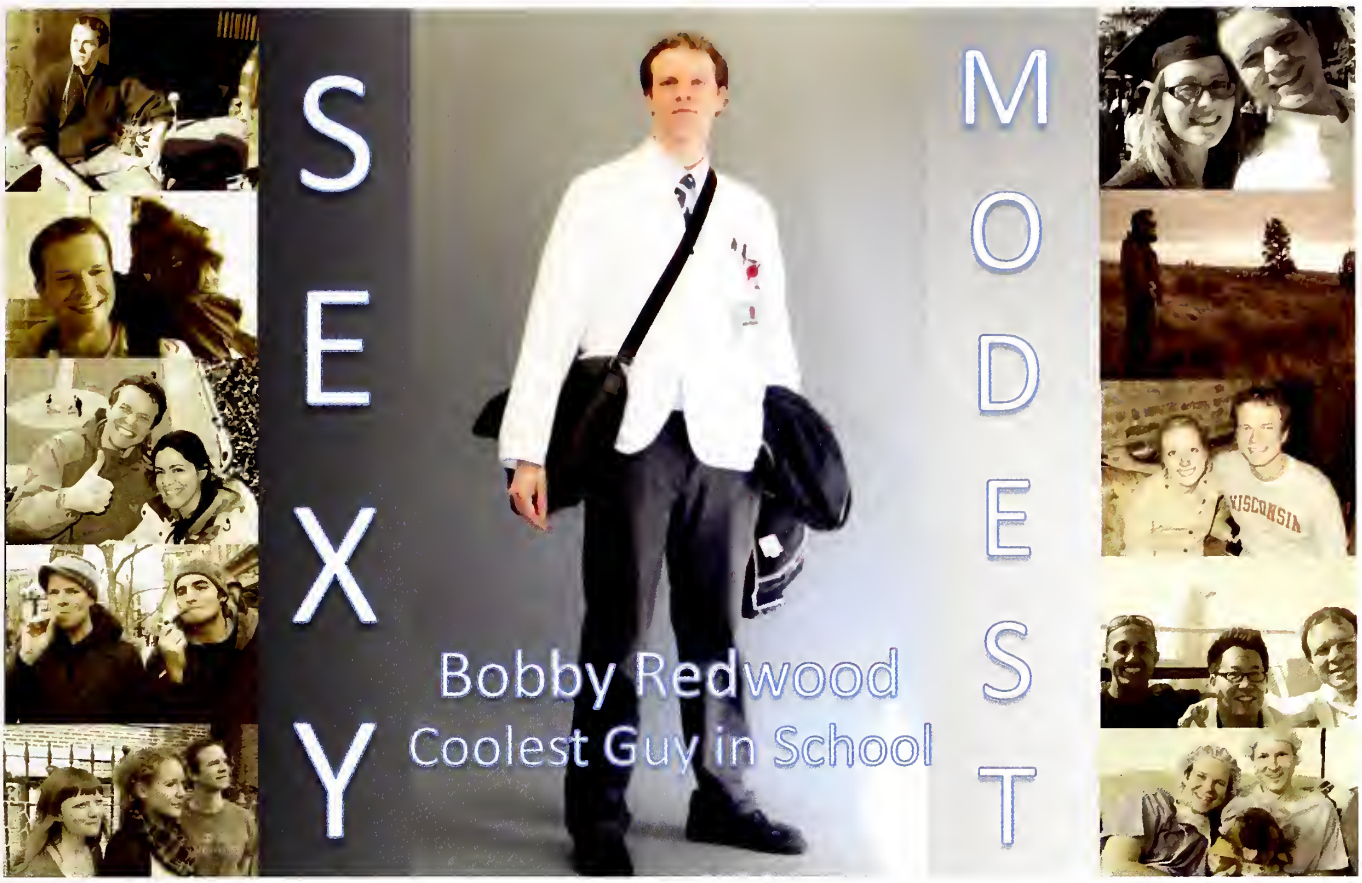
*Congratulations, Class of 2011!*

**Sesha & Thara Rao**


SEXY
MODEST
Bobby Redwood
Coolest Guy in School

Shani Reich
To my friends and family, thank you for all the support. We did it!
To my classmates, it's been a great 4 years!
I have learned so much from you and cant wait for the next phase in our journey!

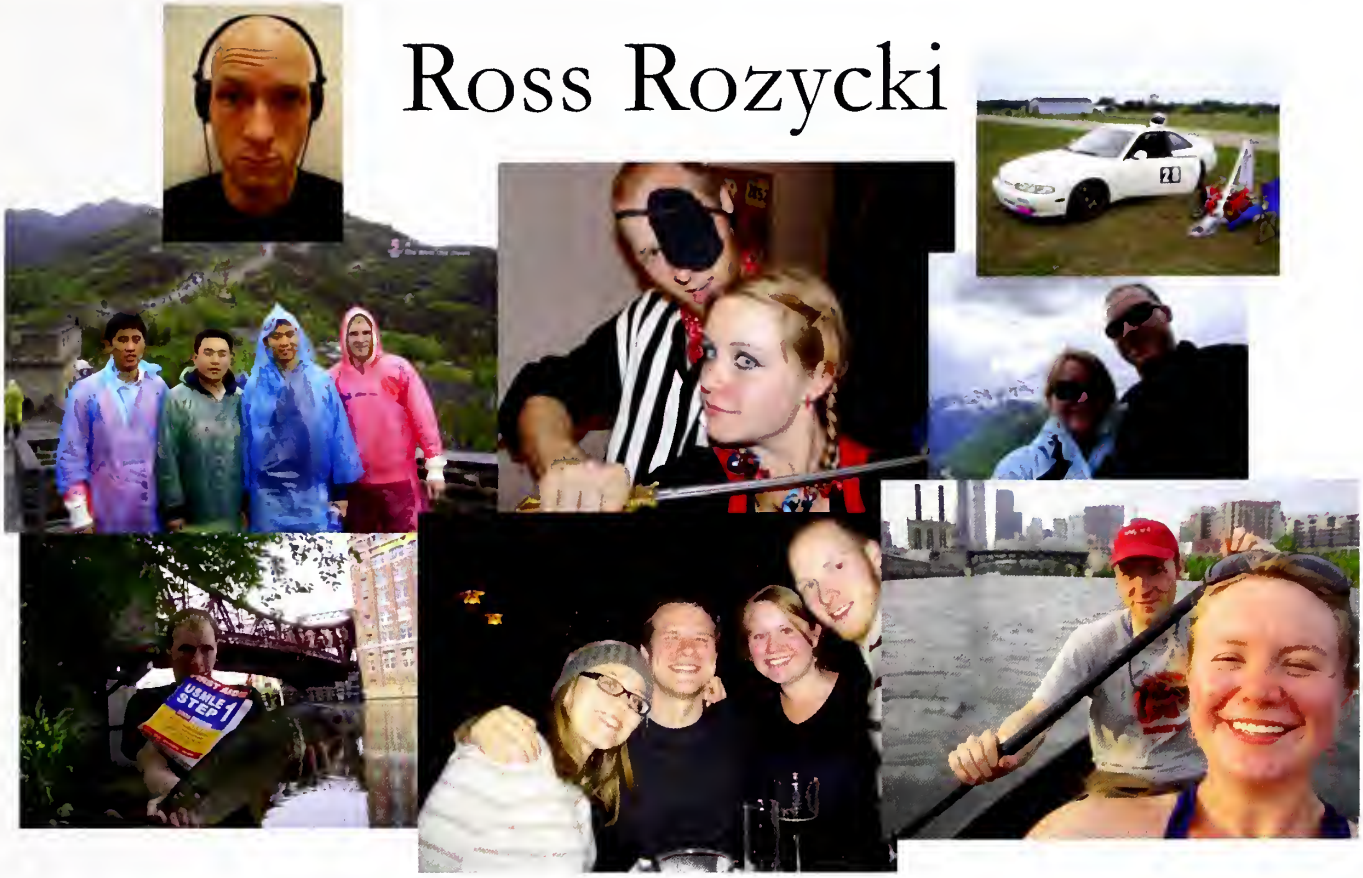
# *Nayna Devi Riyat*

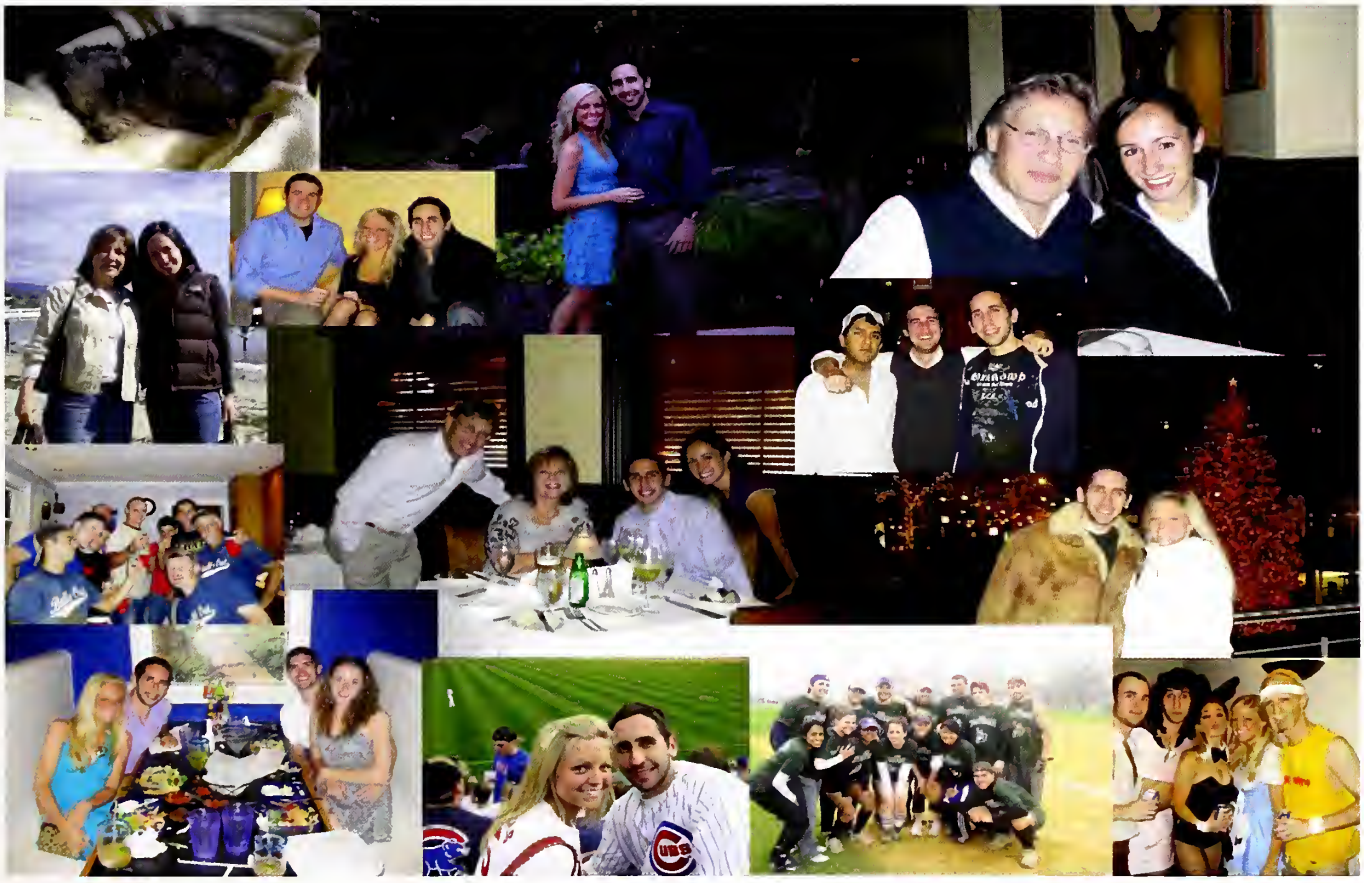
Thank you to...my family for your unconditional support and encouragement throughout this incredible journey!
...the faculty and my mentors for teaching me and inspiring me to be an amazing physician
...my classmates for the camaraderie during the overall great times for the past 4 years

***Congratulations Class of 2011!!***

**~Erica Robinson~**

# Ross Rozycki



could not have done it without you.
love your faces!
- donna sadowski

RUSH
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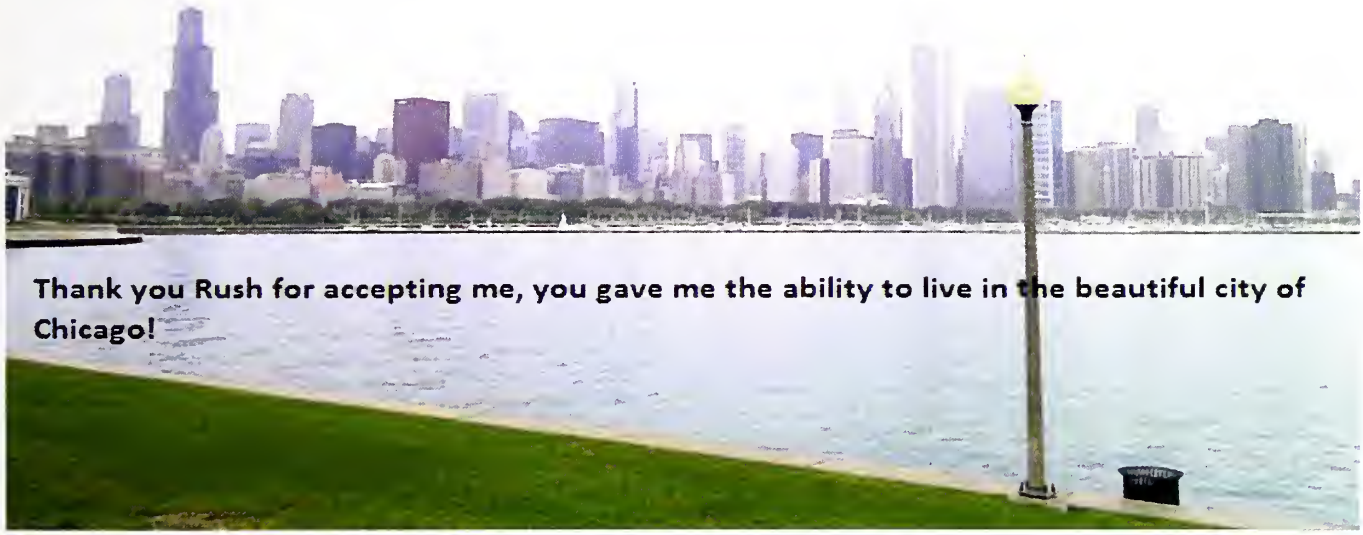
DRUDGE REPORT
I DON'T WANT TO MISS A THING
RUGRADUATING
Welcome to Billings
Noah Saipe
"Even the best writer has to erase"

True story: On the first day of my medicine rotation at Cook County Hospital my patient complained of abdominal pain, so I did a thorough exam including a rectal exam. The next day, I presented my findings to my team on rounds and when we went to see that patient, he told the team that he developed bowel incontinence. I was told never to do a rectal exam after that. So I choose to go into anesthesia.

-Irfan Samee



THANKS TO MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR A GREAT 4 YEARS!
JASON SATZ

Steve Serio

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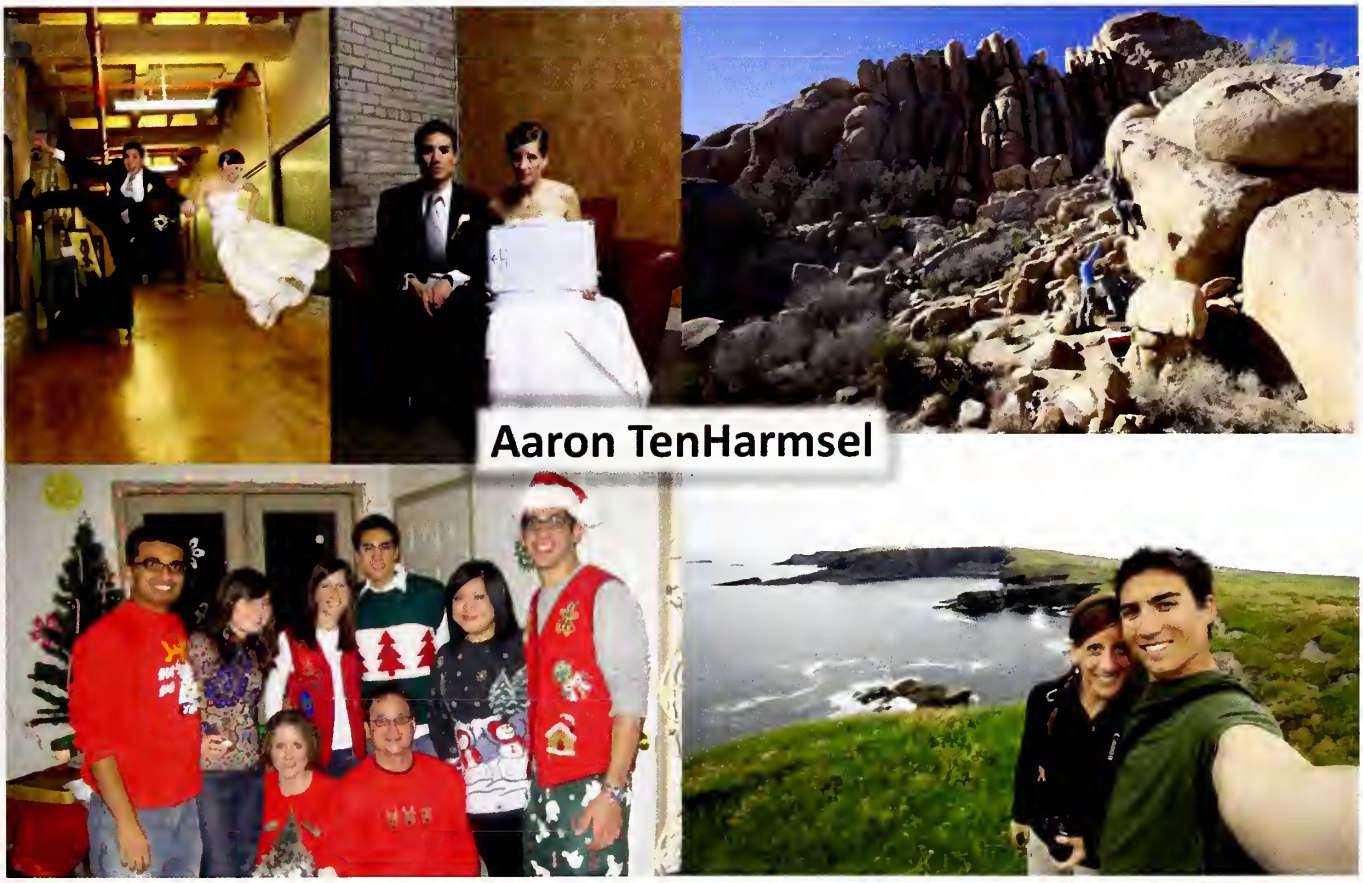
Best of luck to everyone now and in the future. – Steve Sheehan
"A tree is known by its fruit; a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love."
- St. Basil

"Nobody in life gets exactly what they thought they were going to get, but if you work really hard and you're kind, amazing things will happen."
-Conan O'Brien

## Vidya Shivakumar

To the people,
the city and the school
that made these four years so wonderful ...


Aaron TenHarmsel

Thank you to my wonderful family and friends...
...I could not have accomplished my goals without your love and support!
-Jaspreet Thiara

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CH RI ST INA !!!
"Live well Laugh often
Love much"
Christina Tran

# *Rina Verma*

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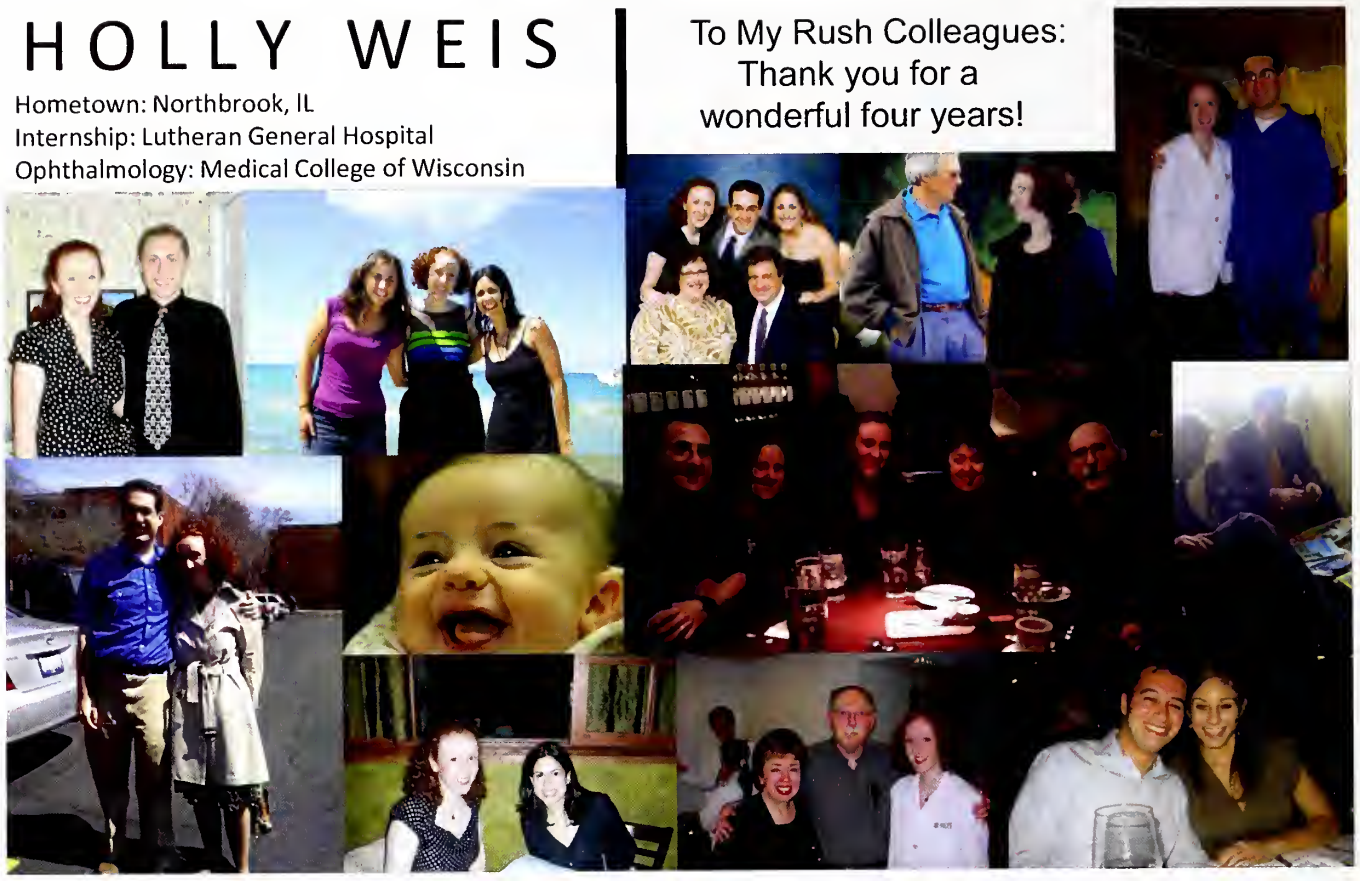
# HOLLY WEIS

Hometown: Northbrook, IL
Internship: Lutheran General Hospital
Ophthalmology: Medical College of Wisconsin

To My Rush Colleagues:
Thank you for a
wonderful four years!



Dear Mom,
Thank you for always believing in me and for sacrificing so much so that I could live my dream!
I love you,
Jessica

Matt Zelhart

Shannon
Zielsdorf
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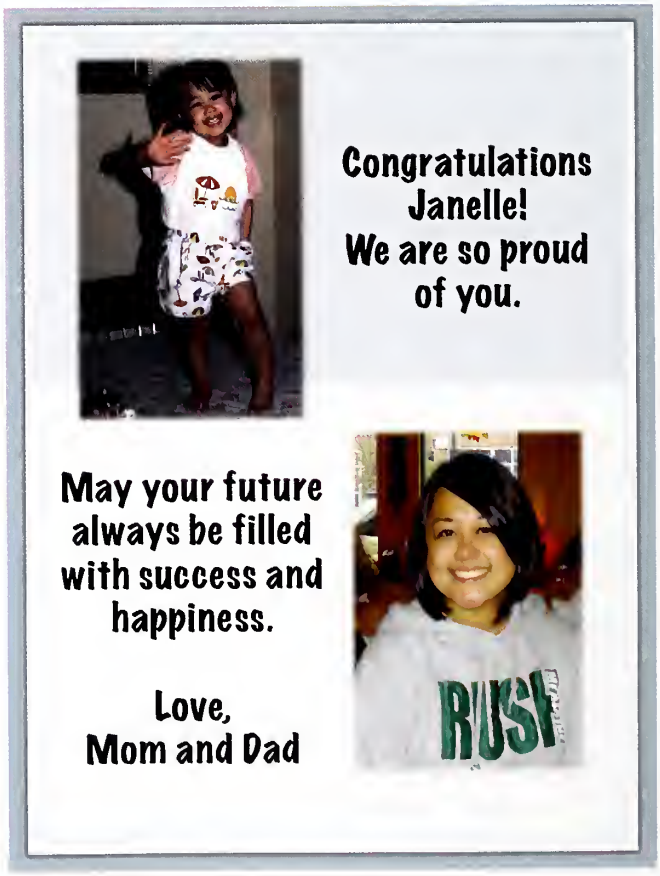
New Kids

Congratulations
Dr. Kellen Sikora
We are so very proud of you.
When you set your mind to something nothing can stop you!
Love, Mom and Dad

Dr. Kellen Sikora
No more pretending - you are now the real thing!! Congratulations from your proud sisters!
Erin and Casey

Who Knew?
Congratulations to someone who means the world to us!!
Mom & Dad
Colossians 3:23,24


Congratulations Janelle!
We are so proud of you.
May your future always be filled with success and happiness.
Love,
Mom and Dad
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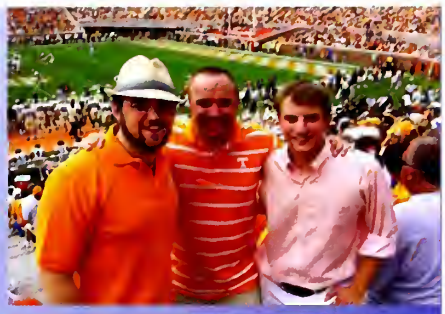
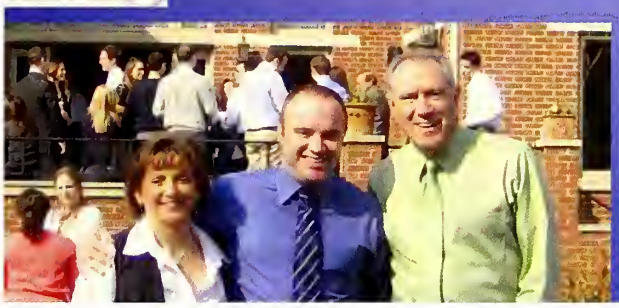
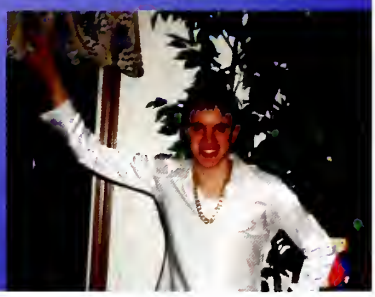
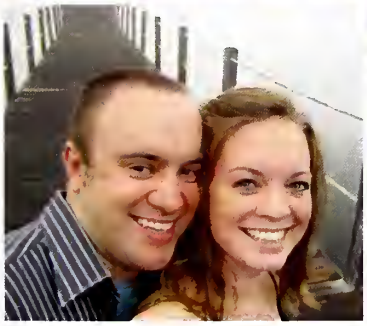
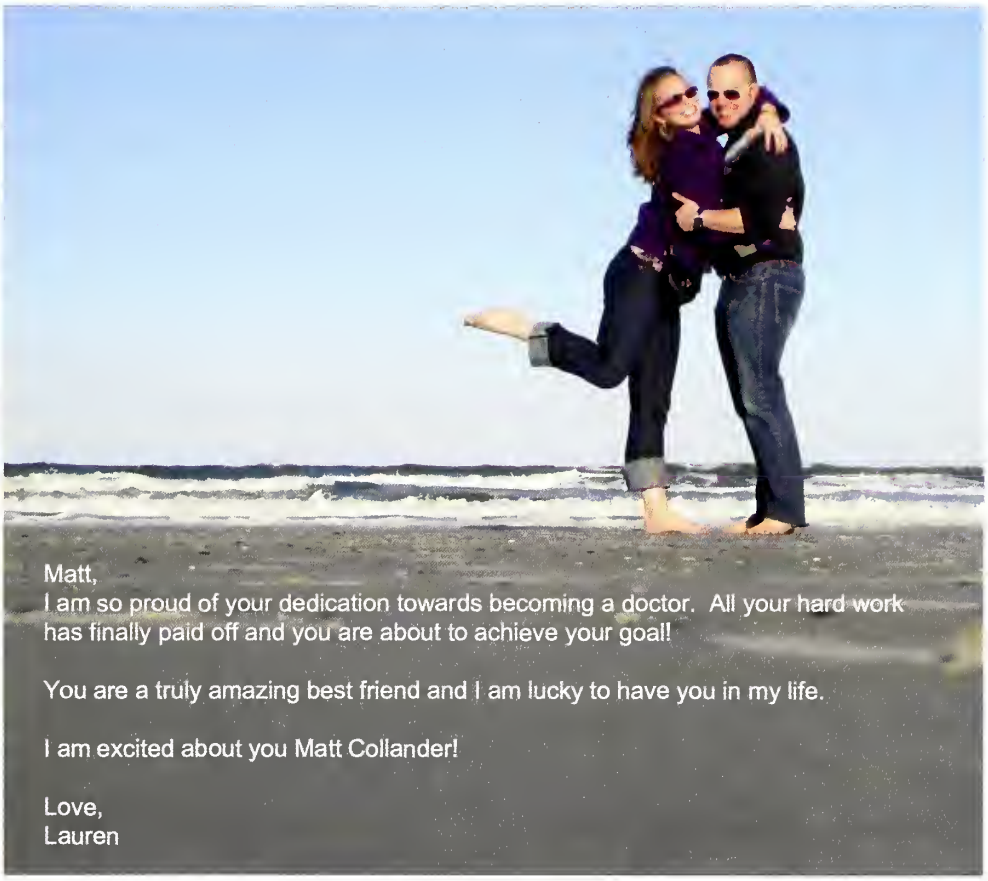


Matt,
Since second grade on the playground you have been Dr. Matt to your friends. It is now becoming a reality. Your compassion and sense of humor will serve you well in the ED. We are so proud of you and the doctor you have become. It's been a wild ride!
Congratulations!
Love, Mom, Dad, Sean, and Chris.





Matt,
I am so proud of your dedication towards becoming a doctor. All your hard work has finally paid off and you are about to achieve your goal!

You are a truly amazing best friend and I am lucky to have you in my life.

I am excited about you Matt Collander!

Love,
Lauren

## *Dr. Kathleen D. Shifley*

*formerly sometimes known as*
*our Cupcake Doctor*

*Who knew*
*all those years ago,*
*when we said*
*you were our cupcake,*
*when you said you*
*wanted to be a doctor,*
*and we agreed you were*
*our Cupcake Doctor,*
*that you would bring a*
*child's idea into reality.*

*Congratulations*
*on reaching and achieving!*
*With all the love we have,*
*Mom, Dad, Patrick, Jamie,*
*All of Us.*

LYDIA ELIZAVETA KRUGE

**Congratulations!**

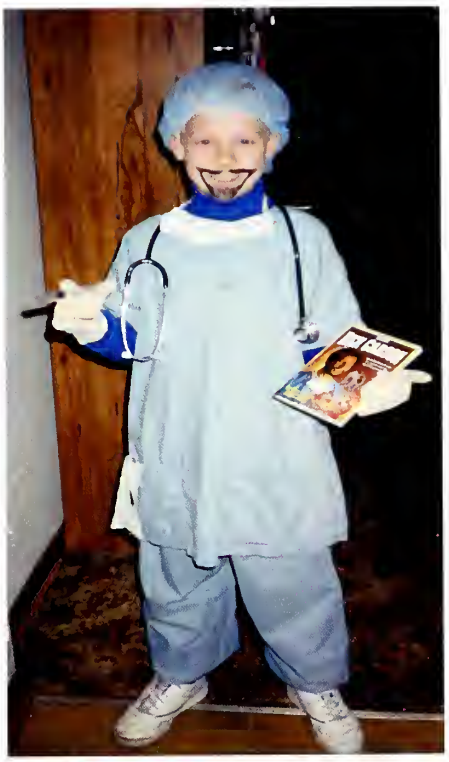
***You have come a long way. Your perseverance and determination have made your dream a reality and have made us proud parents!***

***Love, your family***

# *Congratulations Dr. Pranjal Patel On Your New Beginning as an EM Doctor!!!*

As you make a new beginning in your life, Pranjal,
be aware of the important things you didn't learn in school:
As you pursue your dreams,
remember to take time to help and serve others
even if doing so slows you down a little.
As you explore and develop your unique talents,
remain humble,
realizing that your special abilities are gifts from God.
As life hands you challenges, welcome them
as ways to become smarter and stronger.
As you acquire material things,
know that your most important possessions
are honesty, integrity,
and the desire to make a difference.
Congratulations, Pranjal!
May your new path take you where you want to go
and also bring you pleasant surprises!

***We are proud of you!***
***Love– Mom, Dad & Pritul***



# Congratulations Ross!

What a huge accomplishment you have achieved! We are so proud of you! This is your chance to change the world as you see it. We hope that your profession brings satisfaction and pride to you always.

All of our love,

Sam, Mom, Dad, and Pom

"Do not go where the path may lead; go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." -Ralph Waldo Emerson

CONGRATULATIONS,
DR DEINHAMMER!!

YOU MADE IT.....
.....AND HOW!!

LOVE,

MOM & DAD

# Congratulations!
# Dr. Erik Gerber Jenson

**Your proud and loving family,**
**Mom, Dad, Kris,**
**Shannon and Kyra**

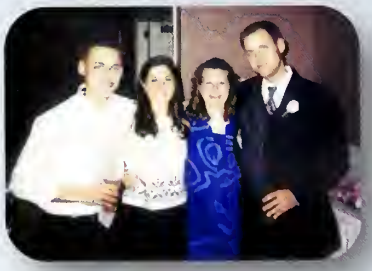
# Congratulations!

# Meghan Edmundson

What an amazing achievement. You have climbed another mountain. Congratulations!

Enjoy the view today for tomorrow brings another mountain – residency!

We are so very proud of you!
Love, Mom, Jason & Josh



The world needs dreamers and the world needs doers. But above all, the world needs dreamers who do.
~Sarah Ban Breathnach

*To Dr. Monika,*

Who is fulfilling our dream. Congratulations!

*Love,*

Mom, Dad and Julie

# Congratulations Dr. Chandani Patel!

*"The first step in the acquisition of wisdom is silence, the second listening, the third memory, the fourth practice, the fifth teaching others."*

# CONGRATULATIONS!

## The Alumni Association of Rush Medical College welcomes our newest alumni from the Class of 2011

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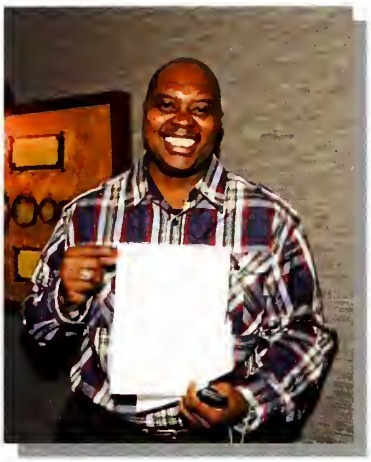
# Congratulations

## Stuart Levin, M.D.

## Chairman

The faculty and staff of the Department of Internal Medicine wish to extend their heartiest congratulations to the Class of 2011

The Department of Family Medicine is proud to congratulate all the students of the graduating class of 2011



We are very proud of the eleven students who are entering Family Medicine!

# CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2011!

**From:**

**The Department of General Surgery**

**Faculty and Staff**

## CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2011!

DEPARTMENT OF DERMATOLOGY

MICHAEL D. THARP, M.D.
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JESSIE S. CHEUNG, M.D.
LADY C. DY, M.D.
MARK D. HOFFMAN, M.D.
MARY C. MASSA, M.D.

SHEETAL MEHTA, M.D.
WARREN PIETTE, M.D.
ARTHUR R. RHODES, M.D., M.P.H

# *Congratulations!*

# Class of 2011

*We are proud to have contributed to your education at Rush, and wish you every success in the future.*

**✸✸ The Department of Anesthesiology ✸✸**

**Congratulations Class of 2011!**

Good luck with all your future endeavors!

**- Rush Medical College Student Council -**

QUERIDA SHANI.....DR. SHANI :)

PASO EL TIEMPO, PASARON LOS ANOS, Y TU SUENO DE SER DOCTORA LO REALIZASTE CON MUCHO ESFUERZO.

NOSOTRAS ESTAMOS MUY MUY ORGULLOSAS DE TI Y DE SER PARTE DE TU VIDA COMO TIAS Y FAMILIAS

QUE SEAS MUY FELIZ SHANI QUERIDA.

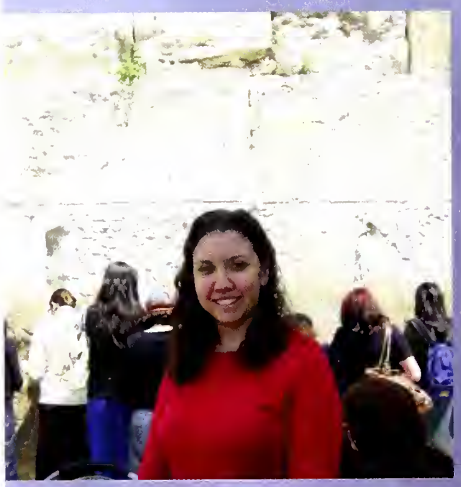
QUE REALIZES TUS SUENOS Y SALVES A MUCHA GENTE

Y EN ESPECIAL QUE DIOS TE BENDIGA Y TE CUIDE SIEMPRE

MAZAL TOV!!!

TE QUEREMOS MUCHO

CECI CLARA SILVIA Y TODOS LOS DE LAS FAMILIA LIVOVSKY OCERANSKY SHEINBERG Y SASPORTAS



PARA MI QUERIDISIMA SHANI,

TE QUIERO MUCHISIMO, TE FELICITO , TE ADMIRO Y SIENTO POR TI UNA ADMIRACION MUY GRANDE Y SIENTO Y PIENSO QUE VAS A TRIUNFAR EN TODO LO QUE TU HAGAS.

TE DESEO QUE LO QUE TU EMPRENDAS Y QUIERAS HACER DE TU VIDA LO VAS A LOGRAR Y SE TE VA A CUMPLIR CON MUCHA SALUD SUERTE Y FELICIDAD.

TU BOBE QUE TE QUIERE, TE ADMIRA Y TE ADORA

EVA

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**Querida Shani:**
**Desde chiquita demostraste tener una gran determinacion. Un dia decidiste caminar, te paraste y empezaste a caminar y asi has llegado a donde has querido. Nos has llenado de orgullo y mucho Nachat. Te deseamos mucho exito, estamos seguros que tus pacientes van a sentir tu compacion, dedicacion, sabiduria y gran corazon.**

**Te queremos muchisimo**
**Mami y Papi**

**Oath for Physicians by the Rambam**

If physicians more learned than I wish to counsel me, inspire me with confidence in and obedience toward the recognition of them, for the study of the science is great. It is not given to one alone to see all that others see. May I be moderate in everything except in the knowledge of this science; so far as it is concerned, may I be insatiable; grant me the strength and opportunity always to correct what I have acquired, always to extend its domain; for knowledge is boundless and the spirit of man can also extend infinitely, daily to enrich itself with new acquirements. Today he can discover his errors of yesterday, and tomorrow he may obtain new light on what he thinks himself sure of today.

***"Success means having the courage, the determination, and the will to become the person you believe you were meant to be"***

George Sheehan

Dear Tia Shani:

We are so proud of you & what you have achieved. You set your mind to it & you accomplished everything you wanted with persistence and grace. You are an incredible example to our daughters of aspiring to accomplish something difficult and persisting until you succeed. We are confident that you will continue to excel in everything that you do & we are so proud to be standing at the finish line cheering you on!

We love you so much,

Dan, Liat, Avigail & Orly Bensimon

**"Trust yourself. Create the kind of self that you will be happy to live with all your life. Make the most of yourself by fanning the tiny, inner sparks of possibility into flames of achievement."**

Golda Meir –
4th Prime Minister of the State Of Israel

To Shani Reich and her colleagues of the Class of 2011,

Congratulations on successfully completing such a demanding program, your hard work and dedication inspire us.

As you move into your new career, we wish you the best of luck and we look forward to seeing you change the world.

With all our love,

Abel Puszkar and Family

Abraham Reich and Family

We congratulate Shani Reich on her graduation and applaud all her efforts!

We are so proud of you Shani!

All our love,

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# Congratulations to the Class of 2011

# Rush Medical College

SENDING SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS
AND BEST WISHES FOR

*Chandani Patel, M.D.*

# Rush Community Service Initiatives Program

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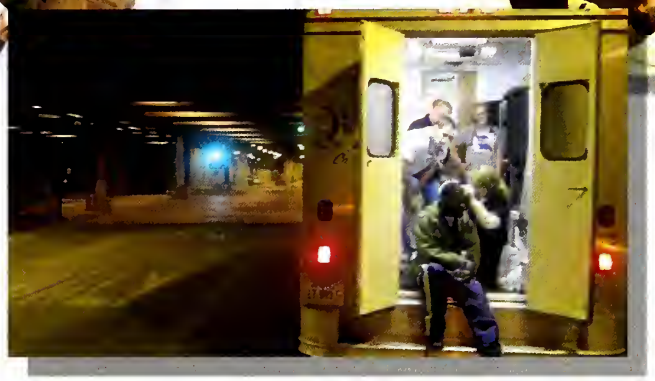
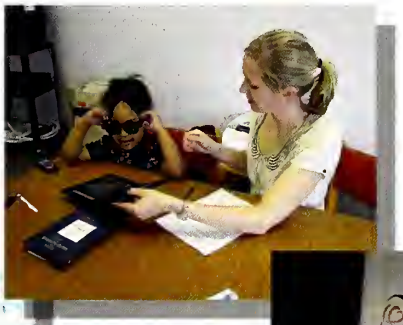


Thank you for all your hard work serving the people of Chicago over the past 4 years.



May your spirit of volunteerism continue on in your future careers!

# Congratulations
## Class of 2011!

As our four years together come to a close, we would like to thank our friends, family, and colleagues who have supported us while at Rush.

We would especially like to thank the staff and faculty who have stood by us through our endeavors. Special thanks goes to the Office of Student Affairs and the Office of Medical Student Programs for providing numerous unforgettable experiences while at Rush.

The yearbook would not have been possible without the help of numerous donors, Rush photo group, Dr. Boyd, and Jill Gabbert.

**Finally, we would like to thank our classmates for all the memories. We hope this yearbook helps you remember the great moments and unique experiences you had while at Rush.**

Here's to continued success in the future,

The 2011 Yearbook Committee

The Trustees of Rush University Medical Center
and
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Faculty and Graduating Students

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